Program: UW in London, Spring

Demitri’s Major: Biology

Academic Life: In London I took four courses: Observing Natures, British Life and Cultures, British Politics, and Contemporary British Theatre. All of my classes were made up of American students, and most of the classes were taught by British professors. The classroom was a small environment which allowed for discussion and connecting with classmates.

Flat-Life: I lived in a flat with other students from the program. The flat was divided into six floors, each with a kitchen and common room. Our flat was located in the Royal Borough of the Kensington and Chelsea area of London. Kensington Palace, where William and Kate live, is across the street from the flat.

On Cultural Differences: During my study abroad, I learned to adapt to different customs and am now able to look at the United States in a way that I could not before. Being able to analyze topics like health care policies, education, and police enforcement from a different perspective has really opened my eyes. Studying abroad allowed me to experience a new country’s way of living, and now I can reflect on the differences in customs that allow each country to thrive.

Advice for Someone Considering London: The world is so much larger than the United States, and it takes an extended period of time to fully embrace what the world has to offer, or to call a new place home.

“This experience made me realize how strong and independent I am.”