Joseph's Major: Sociology

Program: University of Cape Town Exchange, Fall

Academic Life: I took a sociology class that was mostly local students taught by both professors and teaching assistants. I also took a political science class taught in two sections by two professors with a mix of American and local students. Lastly I took an African studies class with mostly American students that was taught by around 7 different instructors who were mostly teaching assistants. The lectures were similar in style to Madison.

Advice for Someone Considering this Program: It was the best 6 months of my life thus far. I would recommend it to anyone who is outgoing, ready for an adventure, and looking to experience new things! I really learned how to open up to strangers, make new friends, and develop new habits in a foreign place. Be patient, expect things to be different and embrace those differences; enjoy it!

First Impressions: It was sort of what I expected. Cape Town is a tale of two cities. The cab ride from the airport shows you poverty and wealth, side by side.

Study Abroad and Joseph's Future Aspirations: I learned that I can function in a completely new place on my own, and I'll be okay. I will be willing to relocate, I feel more sociable, comfortable in different settings, etc.

"Cape Town felt like a second home, partly because my roommates and I got along so well and did things together often."