

Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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Program Highlights:

- The people I met on the program, including the program director
- Breath-taking scenery at Loch Ness
- Inexpensive and easy travel
- The food!
- Ceilidh dancing

How did your experience fit into your academic major and your Wooster education?

I had to take BMB Techniques while abroad, so I took Molecular Biological Techniques at Aberdeen, and that class will count towards my major here. I also took two other classes: *20th Century Europe* and *Romans, Druids, Celts and Warriors*.

How were the courses you took on your program different from your Wooster Courses? What did you like or dislike about them?

I liked the subjects of my classes, and really enjoyed seeing different points of view on subjects that I have been taught before. I didn't really like the non-personal structure of the classes. Overall I think that taking classes abroad showed me what a Wooster education really is—how personal the professors are, and how interactive the classes can be. It also gave me a good work ethic: no one to blame but myself if I don't get work done, or didn't show up for lectures.

Why did you choose your program and location in particular?

I've always wanted to visit Scotland. You could say I've grown up around the culture; there were Scottish traditions at my High School, at my Church and of course the traditions and connections at Wooster. Plus, I had always heard about how beautiful the area was and wanted to experience it for myself. Not to mention I wanted to visit a country where I could speak English.

What unique experience did you have while abroad that contributed to your education?

I learned a great deal about how to be independent. I had only me to rely upon over there, and I learned fast how to take care of myself. I know now that after I graduate from Wooster I will have some life skills that I don't think I would have learned any other way than by being on my own for four months.

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