

Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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Program Highlights:

- For one weekend, I lived with a British family, learned what they did day to day and became a part of that family and the community. They took us to a Sheep Herding competition fair and it was truly amazing seeing how this tradition has been going on since the early 1900's and still goes on today.
- I was able to do traveling on long weekends and there was a 2-week holiday between pre-session and the actual michelmas term.
- I lived on flat with 7 other people and 3 of us were international while the other 4 were from Britain.

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

I am a psychology major and the classes from abroad helped me to get an in-depth view in psychopharmacology and a specific type of clinical method. Also, I saw how tests that were designed to measure a student's knowledge were based on those with a British education and not those for an American educational background. In addition, I was able to watch and observe the people interacting with one another.

What courses did you take and how did you like your courses?

I took a criminological thought course and it was on differing theories on what the causes of crime were and why it happened. It was very interesting but very in depth and difficult. I took a psychopharmacology class and it was amazing. I learned of the different types of psychotropic drugs and how they affect the brain, the repercussions of this and the reasoning behind some of it uses. My final class was on REBT which is a type of counseling method used to help treat clients with their problems by having them think rationally.

Why did you choose your program and location in particular?

I wanted to go and study psychology abroad to see what other countries focused on when they taught psychology. When looking, I decided to look at UK schools because I wanted to go to a place that taught in English since I was not majoring in a language. Also, I have always been interested in British culture and looking back I know I made the best decision!

IFSA-Butler: Lancaster University, England:

"Lancaster offers a huge range of courses and allows students to register in multiple departments. Lancaster is one of the few universities in England to offer an independent research option with virtually no restrictions on your choice of topic. In addition, science students find Lancaster particularly welcoming, because nearly all science courses are open to study abroad students. Some of Lancaster's most respected departments include business, management, education, English, women's studies, environmental studies, pre-med, and music. The campus is self-contained, with plenty of shops, restaurants, banks, a post office, and a student travel office available for your use. The Student Union organizes weekly entertainment, so there's always something going on."

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