

Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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Major: Chemistry

IFSA-Butler: Lancaster, UK



Program Highlights:

- I was enrolled in a pre-session program and a large part of the class involved field trips on weekends to locations around England.
- I got involved in some extracurricular sports and was on the Lancaster Women's Rugby team.
- I was able to take classes outside of my major and courses that are not offered here like two linguistic classes.

Would you recommend this program to other Wooster students? What specific advice would you give to other students preparing for this program and for living in your host country?

Yes. I highly recommend studying abroad. Just make sure your classes transfer and try to travel around when you have the chance.

Why did you choose your program and location in particular?

In the professional program there were many field trips around Northern England that pertained to class. For example, when learning about the Roman occupation of England we took a bus tour up to see the remains of Hadrian's Wall. This was also a good experience because it provided a good opportunity to meet other international students studying abroad.

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

While at Lancaster I took two Linguistic classes which had been a passion of mine and something I was unable to pursue here at Wooster. I also took two physical chemistry courses which met two times a week with one lab period once a week. I enjoyed my classes but I would say that they required a lot of independent study work.

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"For a real feeling of community at your study abroad location, consider Lancaster University....Lancaster welcomes American students with a friendly and flexible attitude at their self-contained campus.....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."

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