

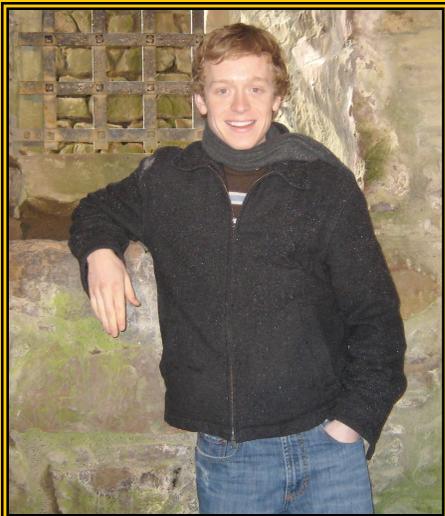
Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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Major: Political Science (Political Theory concentration)

Scottish Parliamentary Internship, Arcadia:

Edinburgh, Scotland



Program Highlights:

- Socializing in local Edinburgh pubs with Members of the Scottish Parliament and other interns
- Traveling around and exploring Scotland on the weekends
- 10-mile hike through the mountains of the Scottish Highlands
- Working at the Scottish Parliament

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

Serving as an intern for a Member of the Scottish Parliament was the perfect match for my Wooster education and my major. Very similar to Wooster's I.S. program, my main responsibility was to write a self-guided research paper on an area of interest for the Scottish Parliament. With the guidance of my Member, I designed my research to not only serve as a practical paper that my Member of Parliament could use, but also as a theoretical paper to go along with my major at Wooster. I also found that Wooster's emphasis on discussion-based study allowed me to get more from my experience. Political discussions with staff and other Members at the Scottish Parliament immersed me in a different political culture, and helped me see things from different perspectives.

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

I took three 5-week classes in order to prepare for the 10-week internship. My U.K. Politics course gave me a broad overview of the U.K. political system and the relationship between the Scottish U.K. Parliaments. My Scottish Politics course explained the details of Scotland's relatively young Parliament, and my Scottish Culture and Society course exposed me to the rich Scottish heritage and history, helping me feel more connected to my host country.

Why did you choose your program and location in particular?

When searching for a study-abroad program, I wanted a program that would allow me to apply first-hand what I had learned. While there were similar programs elsewhere, I chose Scotland to experience first-hand the unique Scottish heritage I had enjoyed here at Wooster.

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

The many conversations I had with Members and staff, and simply being able to see the day-to-day functions of the Scottish Parliament, exposed me to a different political system and a way of thinking about politics and governance. I found this hands-on experience to be very beneficial to my education, especially in being able to understand the many different ways of thinking that have led countries to take different approaches in addressing similar problems.

Arcadia's Scottish Parliamentary Internship, Edinburgh, Scotland

"...Immerse yourself in the culture, history and politics of Scotland through engaging academic courses and the opportunity to complete significant research under the direction of a member of the Scottish Parliament."

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