Off-Campus Study Student Profile

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Why did you choose your program and location in particular?
I've always had a fascination with Pacific Island history and culture. I also wanted to push myself out of comfort zone by immersing myself in a culture that was very different from my own.

How did your experience fit into your academic major and your Wooster education?
The emphasis on experiential learning abroad was a nice addition to the educational experiences I'd had at Wooster. SIT programs also emphasize independent research. This allowed me to study an aspect of the country that I had a personal interest in and was relevant to my major.

What unique experience did you have while abroad that contributed to your education?
I was able to conduct field research with an archaeologist from the Fiji Museum. He helped me explore the significant WWII sites of the area. I got to explore tunnel complexes and defensive installations around the island. This experience was the perfect combination of experiential field based learning and my personal academic interests.

What specific advice would you give to other students preparing for this program and for living in your host country, or studying off-campus in general?
Wherever you go, go with an open mind. Study abroad is the perfect opportunity for personal growth if you are completely open to meeting amazing new people and experiencing a different culture. Also, live in a home-stay. There's no better way to experience a country than by becoming a part of a local family.

Program Highlights
- Home-stay experience
- Planned program excursions around Fiji
- Outdoor activities

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This program examines the complex relationships that challenge Fiji, a multicultural island nation and society in transition. Based in Suva on Viti Levu, Fiji’s largest island, students examine a wide spectrum of cultural, political, economic, environmental, and social issues.

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