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My study abroad experience was a wonderful one! I didn't expect much out of it and got so much more in return, it was truly amazing. The classes there were auditorium styled, so they were big which I didn't like nor was I use to. Compared to the classes in UMB, you have selections from which professors to choose from, but in UL, only one professor teaches a course, so you have no choice from professors or times to take a class. I took two English classes (Victorian and Irish Literature) and two Psychology classes (Human Development and Social Issues). It was very difficult for me to pay attention since all my classes were in an auditorium, but we also had discussion days where the class would split up and those would be better. My favorite class was probably Irish Literature. Much different from American Lit and I was able to learn about the hardships and writing styles of the Irish authors that I studied. Compared to UMB, the classes were more hard and stressful since they roughly only went on a mid-term exam and a final exam, some classes only had a final exam, so you would have to keep on your studying every week. There wasn't any homework which was concerning. All the work depended on yourself.

I lived in Limerick and on campus. There was cows and horses in my backyard, and though I got tired and annoyed of them after the first week, I truly do miss them. Every part in Ireland astonished me. The fact it was so green and naturistic enlightened me throughout my experience abroad. It was also my first time seeing a sky full of stars during the night; a truly mystic sight. Apart from Ireland, I visited a few places like London, Germany, Brussels and a couple more others! All the places I traveled to around Europe was worthwhile. I think every place I visited was community friendly, the different cultural foods I had was out of this world!

I'm thinking about going to grad school abroad hopefully. There's just something about Europe that you can't receive in America. It's different and being a foreigner is also cool.

I went abroad mostly to improve my cultural knowledge in my field of Psychology and being in the countries I visited and living abroad itself, it improved my cultural understanding and knowledge. There's more to the world than the people in America. I hope to apply my experiences abroad to my Psychology career moving forward and hope to get another chance to study again abroad. One of the reasons I picked UL was because it was one of the highest rated research universities in Europe and their Psych department is amazing. I would definitely recommend this program, let alone, studying abroad, in general, to students! I feel like it's just something all students should take advantage of. You're able to escape your comfort zone, try new things, live in a different environment, make international friends, and so much more. It was truly a wonderful experience and I'm glad I was able to take on this adventure.