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Go Global: London

By Joshua Shelhamer



Almost everyone does something fun and exciting during spring break. I also wanted to do something fun, adventurous, and worthwhile. And while a cruise or week on a beach sounded enticing, I chose to travel to London, England, with my friends from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business.

I love the culture and lifestyle of London. The people, the architecture, and the arts are fascinating. I chose the London Go Global City Break program because I wanted to enjoy all that London has to offer while having a learning and networking experience that someday might lead to an international career opportunity.

During my visit to London, I learned more about how corporations operate on a global scale. I had taken classes that taught me different management principles, accounting practices, and business systems. Visiting London gave me the opportunity to visit businesses, hear about their organizations, and see how they operate. Terms they used and information they shared were familiar from classes I had taken, but now I was finally seeing how they applied to real life. As an International Business student, I am constantly asked by family and friends, "What are you going to do when you graduate?" My answer: "I don't know." The Go Global City Break program didn't reveal to me exactly what industry or what job I want to reach for, but it did teach me many things about international business. I learned the attributes and the type of person it takes to survive in the busy business environment. I learned that to make it somewhere great, I have to start small. I learned that my education is valuable to help me grow and learn more, but in most corporations, on-the-job training will still be necessary.

I could go on and on about the many other things I learned about myself, but all together, I learned that my opportunities and experiences at the Huntsman School and my investment in the Go Global trip was well worth it. What I learned on my trip could not have been learned in the classroom. Since this experience, I have also participated in the South America travel abroad program. There is certainly a decent monetary cost, which is a sacrifice, but the value of the learning experience is beyond compare. I plan to participate in another Go Global City Break program this spring, traveling to Paris, France, to learn even more about how I can 'Dare Mighty Things' and someday become a contributing citizen in the business world.