

Global Assistant Biography - Madi

Hi, I'm Madi! I'm a final year History student at York and last year I studied abroad at York University in Toronto, Canada.

Studying abroad had always been a dream of mine and I feel so lucky to have fulfilled it in such an incredible place. Toronto is a vibrant and extremely diverse city, and I met people from not only Canada but all around the world - even just my flat of six people was made up of students from five different countries!

Through YorkU, I was able to explore subjects I didn't have the opportunity to here in the UK. These included anthropology, art history, and sexuality studies - all of which have broadened my horizons and shown me what academia can be like outside of just history. It was also really interesting to see how they teach in a different country, and adapting to this has greatly grown my confidence and flexibility.

For me, studying abroad was all about saying yes. Yes to new experiences, exploring a new city, and travelling as much as possible. Toronto is an incredible and unique city with so many different neighbourhoods to explore (my favourite is Kensington Markets)! It is also a great place to travel from, and I was able to visit New York City, Montreal, Banff, Vancouver and more incredible places. My highlight was definitely hiking in Banff, the landscapes were so beautiful and it was such a special time to share with the friends I made whilst abroad.

I would definitely recommend studying abroad to everyone, as it is such a unique and life changing experience!

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