CBS Adventures Abroad

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What intrigued you about this program?
I was actually drawn to the program in Glasgow because I didn’t know anything about Scotland. I wanted to go somewhere where I could learn about the local culture simply from experiencing it there without preconceived notions of what it would be like.

What was the easiest thing to adjust to?
The easiest thing to adjust to was the British tradition of afternoon tea. I swear everyone in the United Kingdom loves tea, and my friends and I would always go out to tea shops or cafes for tea and a dessert in the afternoon. The British people really know their baking!

How did you connect with the local community?
One way I got connected with full-time students at the University of Glasgow was by attending the beginning of the semester céilidh, which is a traditional Scottish dance. A céilidh is usually held in a big hall and look like the town hall dances held in Jane Austen movies. They were so fun and a great way to meet a ton of people!

Why should CBS students go abroad?
I think that it’s really important for CBS students to go abroad to see how other countries study science. There were both similarities and differences in how people in Scotland look at our subject, and I really enjoyed taking science classes to get a different view than we might at the University of Minnesota. I also think that studying abroad is just a great life experience, no matter what major you are, and you can learn a lot about yourself while abroad.

Student Scoop
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On the most interesting food she tried: “I tried the local Scottish delicacy of haggis, which is sheep’s heart, liver, and lungs all ground up and mixed in with spices and oats until it forms a kind-of ground beef texture.”