

**LINDSEY'S MAJOR(S):** business - marketing and international business with a minor in apparel merchandising

**YEAR/TERM ABROAD:** spring 2004

**REASON YOU CHOSE THIS PROGRAM:** I studied in London one summer and really loved it. I knew that London was fashion-oriented and that I could target my internship around that.

**DESCRIBE THE HOUSING SITUATION:** I lived in a house in Notting Hill. It was seven stories with six to nine girls on each floor. We all mingled and eventually clicked. Each floor had two or three bedrooms, a bathroom and a big common area that included a kitchen and living room. It was an excellent location, walking distance to the tube.

**BEST MEMORY:** I went backpacking through Europe for six weeks after the program with a girl I met there who lived across the hall. We went to Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and ended up in Greece.

**GREATEST CHALLENGE:** Learning patience. You walked everywhere or took the tube. It took a lot of time to get to places, and there was always a crowd of people.

**BIGGEST SURPRISE:** How the program and the University were organized. I had to wait a week after I got there for an internship placement, but it all worked out. Everyone was friendly and helpful, they just worked on their own schedule.

**WHAT I WISH I KNEW BEFORE I LEFT:** Don't pack so much stuff. I had to send home two boxes of clothes. You'll want to buy stuff there.

**WHAT YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE GOING ABROAD:** I learned to be more laid back. I learned that things will get done and you don't need to worry so much. In London, people won't stay at work and work late like they do here.

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With the Tower of London in the background, Lindsey Gipson takes a break from her busy day. Gipson interned at Judy Bennett PR, a fashion PR company that worked with magazines and newspapers in London. "I've interned at other places, and it was interesting to see how companies are there compared to the U.S.," she said. "It was much more laid back. I enjoyed it and learned a lot."

"Go abroad - you'll be on campus the other six or seven semesters. It will challenge you in a way that you can't get here. *It may seem rough and scary at first, but it is worth it.*"

**ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS:** Buy a plane ticket with a flexible return flight. Plan on traveling even if you're not sure of where or who. And if you get sucked in on what you're missing at home and talking to friends and IM-ing back home everyday, then you'll miss out on stuff there.