WHAT INITIALLY GOT YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD AT UM?

I have always been interested in the world beyond America, and having the international influence of an Australian in the family definitely made me realize how attainable international travel can be. My favorite part about traveling is getting to experience new cultures and learn about different customs and languages, and long-term immersion is definitely the best way to really learn about another area of the world. Studying abroad has been a goal of mine since I knew it was an option (so probably since about sixth grade), and the array and accessibility of choices that UM has for studying abroad certainly played a role in why I chose to go to school here.





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HOT DOGS AND COTTON-EYED JOE!

I babysit for a family with two girls here, and they went to an "American camp" one week over fall break. When they came back from camp, they were so excited to show me all of the "American" things they had done and eaten. Apparently one of their activities was learning how to make the perfect hotdog, and another was learning all of the words and dance moves to "Cotton-Eyed Joe." Definitely made me think of how American culture is viewed abroad!







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is an absolutely incredible experience, but it's not going to be like the movies, nor will it be like an extended vacation. There are good, bad, and ugly sides to exchange, and each day is a little different.



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