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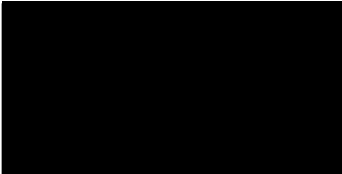
Scholarship Statement of Purpose

I am interested in the study abroad program for writing and education in London for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I am interested because I am majoring in English, and this study abroad program offers credit for British Literature I, which just happens to be the one literature class I have left that I still need to take before I transfer to UTSA. I believe that this study abroad program presents a wonderfully unique opportunity to study great works of literature while being immersed in British culture and even visiting locations of literary significance, such as the Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare tour. To fully understand any work of literature, it must be placed in its proper context of location, culture, and time. Therefore, studying British Literature in London would enhance my educational experience because it would provide an important cultural context for the works I will be studying.

Additionally, I would be able to personally gain great experience in another culture. In modern times, and in America especially, one tends to become extremely egocentric. Due to the size of the United States and its location geographically, many Americans do not frequently have opportunities to travel and experience other cultures. Couple this with our modern habits and busy lives, and one creates for themselves a personal bubble of comfort in which they rarely consider the lives or problems of others. I believe that studying abroad would allow me to broaden my perspective and burst my egocentric bubble by expanding my cultural understanding.



Furthermore, this study abroad program will prepare me for my career goals. I plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in Professional Writing. After I earn my Bachelor's degree, I plan to attend law school at the University of Texas at Austin and earn a Juris Doctor degree. My career goals are to complete these educational milestones and then go on to become a successful lawyer in either Corporate or Intellectual Property Law. This study abroad program obviously fits well with my Bachelor's degree program because I am studying English; however, it also fits well with my career goal of becoming a lawyer. Lawyers must become experts at understanding multiple points of view; as a result, it is imperative that any good lawyer expand his or her horizons as far as possible. I believe that this trip to study abroad will allow me to do just that. All in all, this study abroad program fits perfectly with my educational and career goals, and it will prove to be a valuable asset for me going forward.




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Service Project Proposal

For my service project proposal, I would like to create a PowerPoint presentation to present at the Study Abroad 101 sessions. I would like to illuminate for students considering these opportunities what the experience is really like. To accomplish this, I plan to journal daily during my trip and record my experiences in moderate detail. After the trip is over, I would then go back to my journals in preparation for my presentation and pick out information that I feel that I would deem most helpful as a prospective student for study abroad. This information would include things like my daily routines, things that surprised me about my experience, and fun, entertaining stories I would like to share. But I understand that humans are visual creatures, so to supplement my stories and advice, I would include plenty of my own photos I will take during my trip. This sounds simple and basic, but I think that it would really help students understand the reality of their possibilities. They would be able to view my presentation and realize that I, an Alamo Colleges student just like they are, was able to travel and study abroad and have an awesome personal experience.

After I have caught their attention and gotten them excited about the opportunities, I would transition into giving useful information about how to best go about preparation for study abroad and some of the awesome helpful things I have learned during this application process. I would also stress the importance of starting the process as early as possible because of all of the important documents and variables that could go wrong along the way. But all of these warnings are not to panic because the study abroad crew at the Alamo Colleges is extremely helpful and



flexible in their effort to ensure that every student who wishes to study abroad indeed gets their opportunity to do so.