

# London, England

## Megan Tyler



**Program:** British Studies: Street Scenes: Imagining Cosmopolitan London, Summer 2017

**Major:** Writing and Rhetoric Studies

### Earning the Research Experience Badge:



Earning the research experience badge through the Global U program enhanced my experience while abroad. I was able to conduct research in a new environment, and I had to adapt to being unable to use the Marriott Library or my personal computer while finding sources and articles. I learned so much about London's culture and customs while

abroad, and the experience as a whole changed how I view typical humanities research.

My research came in several stages. First, I had to decide on a project. This was one of the more difficult aspects of the experience because I wanted to pick something that would be influenced by my trip, but I also felt that I should try to work on a project which I would still feel comfortable completing at home. I decided to research and write about a text which was assigned early during the course. I felt that the text was more interesting than other pieces.

After selecting the topic for my research, I had to begin this research. Because I spent much of my five weeks abroad travelling, I had only limited access to the internet or a computer. I was able to adapt to research in this environment, but it required a bit of creativity.

### Transferable Skills:



As a student at the U of U. The skills I honed during this program have been applicable across multiple scenarios. I was initially worried that on-the-go research skills would have limited transferability, but since returning to the U, I've found that my standards when writing about and looking for sources have become more stringent. I have also found that I am able to sort through information more quickly and

decide on project goals more easily. Most importantly, I've found that my perspective on different topics has broadened, and I am more inclined to listen to new points of view.



***“I was worried that studying abroad would be all fun and games, but the Global U program introduced just the right amount of procedural minutiae to really balance out the experience.”***