

From MLC . . . to the World!

Who knew New Ulm, Minnesota, could be the launching pad for studying all over the world? When you enroll here, you can set aside a semester or two to study in places like England, Ireland, Greece, or Germany. Our Cultural Engagement Center will guide you every step of the way, resulting in an experience that changes your life!

Let's hear from **Morgan Behnke** (*Brillion HS-WI / Trinity-Brillion WI, pictured*), who spent last spring semester in Greece.

How MLC got her started: After reaching out to Mrs. Kassuelke, my study abroad advisor in the Cultural Engagement Center, the world of study abroad opportunities seemed limitless. She helped me plan my MLC courses to work around my pending semester abroad. MLC even helped me plan financially for this. I cannot thank the incredible faculty on this campus enough for how much of a blessing they have been to me.

Every weekend a new adventure: A major highlight in Greece was traveling almost every weekend to a new place in Greece or abroad. When I wasn't in class, studying, meeting new people, and experiencing new things in Athens, I was likely planning my next trip—booking plane, train, or ferry tickets, finding a hostel or cheap hotel, researching everything about the destination, creating a tentative itinerary with the friends I was traveling with, trying to fit all I need in one backpack, and more.

“So, you're from Wisconsin”: When I told someone I'm from the state of Wisconsin, there were typically three things that person would say next: “Oh, that totally makes sense with your accent!”, “So where can I get the best cheese when I visit?”, and—my personal favorite, one that many Greeks would bring up: “Do you know Giannis Antetokounmpo?”

She learned about Greek culture, cooking, journaling, yoga, and . . . I learned how to bring Jesus into the conversation and let my light shine. I learned how to defend my faith when some really tough questions were asked.

Time abroad changed her: Prioritizing my time with what's important has helped me slow down and be fully present. One of those priorities is spending quality time with people. Additionally, I want to keep experiencing new things and traveling. I have the travel bug now, and I don't think I'll ever lose it. Most of all, I've developed the habit of being in God's Word and prayer during my morning breakfast. Starting my day with God has made all the difference.

Her encouragement to you: MLC is full of different opportunities to prepare you for ministry. Studying abroad is just one of them. It sincerely transforms your life. It helps you see the absolutely amazing world God has created and the vast number of people across the world that he loves and wants in heaven with him!

More Travels: Scan the QR code to check out the blogs of study abroad students, including **Morgan, Josiah Koelpin** (*LPS / Calvary-Dallas*), **Katherine Boehlke** (*SCLA / Good Shepherd-Burnsville MN*), **Kendra Rivera** (*MLS / Messiah-South Windsor CT*), **David Rutschow** (*LPS / Peace-Cottonwood AZ*), **Rebekah (White) Cole** (*KML / Loving Shepherd-Milwaukee*), and more.

