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Study USA, Our CSB/SJU Experience

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About Our Program

We came here from Northern Ireland on a programme called ‘Study USA’. The Study USA programme, originally known as the Business Education Initiative, was established in 1994 by the British Council. It is a highly successful and innovative programme which offers undergraduate students studying in Northern Ireland the opportunity to study business and management for one academic year at church affiliated universities and colleges in the USA. The programme was designed to assist with the Peace Process, which was developed in Northern to rebuild the communities after a period of conflict known as the Troubles. The White House provided their own endorsement for the programme in March 1995 in a letter written by President Bill Clinton.

Thank You CSB/SJU

What a year it has been! We feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to study at CSB/SJU. The student community has welcomed us so warmly and has made our time here one we will never forget. We have loved sharing our culture; the Festival of Cultures was a highlight, we were amazed by how interested and excited people to learn about our culture. We have both taken advantage of some of the amazing experiences the colleges have to offer. Some of our highlights were; spending long weekend canoeing the Flambeau River, skiing in Jackson Hole Wyoming, exploring national parks in Texas and New Mexico, scaling the cliffs of Lake Superior and making an impact on the intramural badminton scene. We want to end by giving the biggest thank you to Center for Global Education, who have taken care of us during our time here. Through them we have met people from all over the world; we now have friends in, Australia, Chile, Germany, Austria, Japan and China. While we have been here they have taken us to the rodeo, a baseball game, the state fair and so many other fun trips. Our time here has been one we will cherish forever!

Our Study Abroad Tips

1. Don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone
   - Try something new; a new club, a new sport, a class outside of your major.

2. Put yourself out there and make new friends
   - Connect with people they will be your support system.

3. Don’t be afraid to say no
   - Find a balance between your social life and your academic life. Be aware of your own boundaries.

4. Don’t expect everything to be perfect
   - There will be ups and downs; it’s all part of the experience.

5. Save for experiences
   - Spend your money making memories; those shoes will still be there next year.

6. Have fun!
   - This is going to be one of the best experiences of your life, enjoy every second.