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James Rahr, Study Abroad (Business and Management), USA

Business and Management undergraduate student James Rahr came to study at Bath Spa University as part of a study abroad agreement between Bath Spa and Montana State University Billings.

James has a love of travelling and when he was given the opportunity to leave his home country of America and study in the UK, it was an offer he couldn’t resist.

James is currently completing his second year modules at Bath Spa and was attracted to studying in the UK because of the greater range of job opportunities for students in the business and management, and marketing sectors.

The Georgian city of Bath welcomes thousands of tourists each year and the variety of shops and beautiful, historical architecture are just some of things that James enjoys about the city. “The city is very romantic and it is like being on holiday all of the time,” he said.

Outside of his studies, James likes to spend his time in coffee shops in Bath, reading through his emails or a newspaper. He added: “I also love being outside, so I try to stay as active as possible, regardless of the weather. I like to cycle, run, or walk and every Thursday night my group of friends and I have dinner together and then usually have a few drinks in Bath.”

James enjoys being able to learn independently and finds it helpful that the University year is broken down into semesters. He said: “It is nice to have our exams split, so that we have some before Christmas and the others in May. I particularly enjoy how we only study a subject for a few months before you are introduced to the next subject. I feel this will be of great benefit to me when I enter the job market as I will have a more rounded understanding of my chosen industry.

Despite having a further year of study upon his return to America, James is clear about what he intends to do after he graduates. “I hope to work in Los Angeles, California for the U.S. Olympics Committee doing some sort of community relations work,” he said.
When asked to sum up his experience at Bath Spa University in three words, James said: "Modern, productive and intimate."