Traveling in Tasmania was a learning experience on all levels!

The education system in Hobart was different from CSU, but I was able to learn so much from the classes that I took. In my classes I did not have tests throughout the semester like at CSU, but one final test worth most of my grade at the end. The other portion of my grade came from papers. I learned in this system to be much more disciplined in my learning style and work more on my own learning the material. The classes I took were very hands on, and I got to experience things I would not have been able to experience in the US. In my zoology class I explored the landscape and researched the many animals in the area, from the endangered orange sea star to wallabies and bettongs. I was able to have many in depth discussions with my classes as well because each class had small sections that met to go over material. I was to expand my ideas much further this way in many subjects of psychology.

Outside of school I had the enjoyment of meeting people from all over the world and trying to absorb more ideas and customs from different cultures than I thought I could encounter in one place. I had the opportunity to discuss major issues with students such as controversial laws or governments in their own countries. This experience paints a picture so much more vivid than reading it in a book. I even had the opportunity of cooking with students from all over the world in our dorm and I learned how to make many authentic Chinese, Malaysian, and Jewish dishes.

Traveling teaches you so much whether it’s to a deserted beach or to the largest city in Australia. I camped all over Tasmania and saw more untouched beauty than I thought possible in this day in age. I traveled to several large cities where I took every form of public transport that has been developed (trams, trains, buses, airplanes, boats, cable cars ect.). These experiences showed me the beauty of patience, the magic of nature, and the splendor in strangers.

Words cannot express the education you receive from studying abroad. You have the opportunity to learn in different classes from difference professors. I also had the gift of learning from
people and being in a new place. This experience opened my mind to all the things out there that are yet to be experienced, from the animals to culture to ideas.

This trip has inspired me to continue to learn about new things in my surrounding and those foreign to me at every opportunity. This experience has given me motivation to continue on with my education, I would like to go on and work in Marriage and Family Therapy. My ultimate goal to take what I have gained in school and go into the peace corps.

One morning from my dorm               Camping trip with class