Study Abroad Report

University College London Summer School 2025 (2025/6/30-2024/7/18)

Acknowledgements

This summer, I luckily had the opportunity to attend a summer course and participate in research activities at UCL. Over the two months, my experiences greatly broadened my horizons both academically and personally. This experience would not have been possible without the generous support offered by the Tazaki Foundation. Given the high costs of housing, transport, and food in London, it would have been very difficult for me to afford such a long stay on my own. Thus, I am deeply grateful to the foundation for making this experience possible for me, and I hereby express my sincere appreciation to the generous support I received.

Summer school

I attended a summer course titled *Language and Mind: Introduction to Psycholinguistics*. This course provided a systematic overview of the main interest and topics in the field of psycholinguistics. As a linguistics major, I had already learned some knowledge in this area before the summer course, but I realized that my knowledge had been fragmented - the course allowed me to consolidate and organize what I had already learned and to gain new knowledge in some new domains. By the end, I felt more confident in my understanding of psycholinguistics and better prepared for future studies.



Besides, the summer school also offered us with a variety of social cultural activities, such as a

boat party on the last day and picnic at the famous Primrose hill. I also took the

opportunity to explore London independently, visiting the National Gallery, the Natural History Museum, Hampstead heath and so on. These experiences allowed me to enjoy the cultural richness of the city while communicating with students from diverse backgrounds.



Research Activities

Alongside the summer course, I joined a lab in UCL's Department of Psychology and Languages Sciences where I was involved in various research activities: screening articles for a meta-analysis,



coding data collected from local schools, conducting eye-tracking experiments and cleaning collected data. In the meantime, I also attended lab meetings where I listened to the presentations made by graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. Lasted from mid-June to mid-August, all these research activities significantly enriched my research experience and broadened my academic horizon. The experience would add up to a future academic career with more possibilities.