

Louise Belcher

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Education & Honors

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

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Bachelor of Arts candidate, Major: **Government / International Relations**, Minor: **Spanish**

GPA 3.65 – Named to Dean’s list, 2020-2021 academic year

Selected Courses: *Global Environmental Politics, Global Economic Relations, International Politics, International Law, International Security, International Organizations*

- Researched international relations theory and argued by nature of a series of conflict case studies for applicability of constructivism and the shortcomings of rationalism
- Developed a deeper understanding of the prevalence of colonialist structures in modern international relations
- Analyzed the effectiveness of USAID projects in Peru in 2003 and made recommendations to optimize development spending in Peru

Study Abroad

August 2020 – May 2021

Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

- Lived with host family while attending local college.
- Explored Bolivian culture and became fluent in Spanish.
- Adapted to foreign cultural and familial environment and fostered intercultural friendship.

International Experience

Intern, U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program, Washington D.C./Mexico City, Mexico

Summer 2021

- Analyzed U.S. foreign development spending as part of U.S. foreign policy with a focus on key successes and failures in Mexico.
- Investigated the relationship between development spending and “good-will” within Mexico and drafted a report for upper-ranking Foreign Service Officers.
- Became acquainted with the inner workings of U.S. State Department.
- Studied Mexican culture, and the U.S.’s complicated international policy towards the country.

Tutor, Colegio Soria School, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

September 2020 – May 2021

- Worked intensely with a group of 13 students to raise English fluency from A1 to A2.
- Took note of weaker English speakers to ensure they did not feel ostracized and remained motivated to learn.
- Gained new appreciation for the intricacies of the English language from a foreign perspective.

Additional Experience

Tutor, Volunteers in Tutoring at Lawrence (VITAL), Appleton, WI

January 2019 – Present

- Tutored student in English and Math for two years.
- Ensured that student was able to catch up to curriculum after initially falling behind.

Skills

- Fluent in Spanish
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Canva