

Hannah Kasko: Venturing Through College / Julia Bucholtz

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A small-town girl with big-city dreams, Hannah Kasko has had an extraordinary college experience. Originally from Northeast, PA., Kasko knew she always wanted to move to a big city for college, to which she went to Fordham University.

Even though Kasko enjoyed life in the big apple, she also dreamed of studying in London. In her junior year, she was accepted into Fordham University's Study Abroad Program in London. She was immersed in a new culture and country while being able to study what she loves, film.

Once Kasko arrived in London, she said that it was not hard to adapt to the culture there. In fact, "it was more of a culture shock coming back to the United States," Kasko said. During her first semester, in the fall of 2021, she was able to explore the historic city. She traveled to Bath, York, and the Lake District.

During her second semester in London, Kasko acquired a production intern job at The Urdang Academy. Her internship pertained to live theater, which she was a huge fan of as a child. Kasko fantasized about being on Broadway, but she then fell in love with film and being behind the camera. This internship reminded her of how much she used to love watching and participating in live theater. At her internship, she was able to help with projects and do tasks where she was needed.

Kasko enjoyed her time in London to the fullest and felt like she could see a future there. A typical week in her life as a student would be going to classes for three days, then going to her internship for two days. After she was done with work, she would sometimes go to a local pub with her co-workers and enjoy a Guinness. On her free days, which were usually the weekends, she would go out and explore the city of London, sometimes venturing out as far as Lisbon and Edinburgh. “London is so big if I had time I would just hop on a bus and go explore the city; I spent a lot of time in Soho as well,” Kasko said.

Ultimately, Kasko chose London to study because she has always been a huge fan of the glorious city and many aspects of it... including “Harry Potter.” Soon after she graduates from Fordham with her Bachelors in Film, she is considering going back to London for a graduate program so that she can be immersed in the film industry.

After studying abroad, Kasko went back to New York City for her final year of college. She immediately went to work, juggling three jobs, on top of school, work, and clubs. Currently, Kasko works at J. Crew as a retail associate, for her school’s Ram Van service as a driver, and at Motto Pictures as a documentary production intern. With her long hours, Kasko still is able to devote her time to her studies, and the [Fordham Wavelengths](#) club, where she broadcasts classic rock music on the radio, from 1:30-2:30 pm on Thursdays. She also has also written multiple articles for [The Observer](#), Fordham University’s newspaper.

Currently, in her free time, Kasko loves to watch the Pittsburgh Penguins play hockey, which they been her favorite team ever since she could remember. She also enjoys going to film festivals, watching movies, going out with friends, and reading novels.

Kasko states that some of her biggest accomplishments include: guest producing a podcast in London called “[Women in Shakespeare](#),” and making the dean’s list. After she graduates, Kasko hopes to pursue a career in film and find what part of the film industry she is truly passionate about. At just 22 years old, Kasko has accomplished many academic and professional goals and is excited for the next step in her career.

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