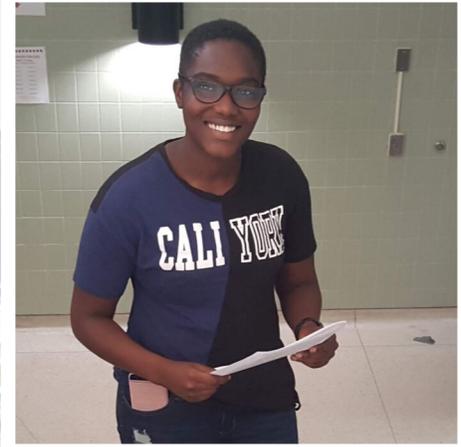


# My Project GO Story

Studying here at UW- Madison has been an awesome experience. I was awarded to study Urdu - a beautiful language where I really had to push myself to accomplish my goals in a very intensive program. I learned so much and have so much respect for South Asian culture and people. I learned that Urdu is very similar to Hindi. The more you know Urdu, the more you know Hindi, and vice versa. Overall, I had a great summer in Madison and will continue looking into exploring ways to study Urdu.



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## Memorable Moments

**Funniest:** I misunderstood a lot of Urdu pronunciations, which made the class pretty funny at times.

**Most challenging:** Reading in Urdu was definitely very challenging. It was frustrating to pronounce all the words correctly, so it took time for me to get comfortable speaking the language.

**Favorite:** My favorite memory was performing the skit with my class at the SASLI event at the end of the program. My classmates and I really bonded while working together on the skit.

## The Madison Experience

**A typical day was like...** I would wake up around 7:30am, and go to class from 8:30am - 1pm. In the evening, I would do homework and study the language. Then I would go to the gym for an hour and then study again before sleeping.

## New Perspective

**Indian culture to me is...** very beautiful and quite challenging. It's also quite interesting to say the least!

**What I couldn't have gained anywhere else...** UW-Madison was the perfect place to learn Urdu. My institution doesn't offer Urdu, so coming here was a great experience. I gained a lot of knowledge on Urdu and South Asian culture.

**Favorite Food/Dish...** Call me crazy, but I never had a samosa until I came to UW-Madison. It's like a fried pocket of veggies and potatoes. It's really good, and I couldn't get enough of them.

**A "must see/do"...** go to Memorial Union and enjoy the terrace and all it has to offer. The sunset over the lake is beautiful here.

**Don't waste your time with...** being quiet and non-adventurous. There's so much to do!