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Program Sponsor: in Granada
Institution Name: CEGIRI
Location: Granada, Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? NO
Courses taken abroad: Spanish culture, Spanish Art History

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$7,103
Program Fee/Tuition: \$2,183
Accommodation: \$1,520
Food:

Books/Supplies:
Airfare (from): \$1500
Travel: \$700
Toiletries/Misc.: ~~\$800~~ \$1200

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Classes were done in Spanish, most teachers do not know English so ability to understand Spanish is necessary. Classes were Mon. - Thurs, 2 hours/class per day. The teachers were great + very helpful! Workload was easy → they want us to travel on weekends + have fun! Grading was also very easy.

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Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

Host family w/ a mom, 6 year-old daughter + sometimes the grandmother. I got my own room + bathroom (lucky!) It was nice having meals made + she did not mind that I did not like certain foods.

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel + Nerea were so fun + helpful! As was the entire staff at CEGRI.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Small, accommodating, helpful

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Travelled to - Sevilla, Morocco, Las Alpujarras, Portugal, Barcelona, Madrid

Use the company called Discover Excursions for their trip to Lagos, Portugal

Social or Other Comments

Nightlife is great + we always felt very safe. However, NEVER put your drink down at bars.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

N/A

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Fun, Amazing, Unforgettable.

Signature:

Emily E. Ochsner

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 Program: SAO Exchange: Spanish Studies
 Program Sponsor: SAO
 Institution Name: CEGEI
 Location: Granada Spain
 Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish Cultural Studies, Art History

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable) → unsure of these numbers
 Total Cost: 1,000
 Program Fee/Tuition: 4000
 Accommodation: -
 Food: 200 - 300
 Books/Supplies: ✓
 Airfare (from): 1,500
 Travel: 1,000
 Toiletries/Misc.: 100

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

The grading is fair + easy, but you ^{do} have to stay + work on the papers. In summer, only take 2 classes so you have enough time to travel + experience the culture.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family. Spend time with them but if you don't have a family you connect with that's not the end of the world.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Everyone was incredibly helpful + friendly. They show you around and really help you feel like your host city is your home.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Incredibly friendly + accomadating! Any questions or help that you might need, they have a support system for you. Beautiful building + courtyard

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

N/A only there for summer

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Travel: Sevilla, Nerja + Malaga → all fun + affordable weekend trip. Lagos, Portugal → incredible in summer + go with Discover Experiences

Social or Other Comments

Interact with locals as much as possible!

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Spent less time in classes/homework + more time exploring the city and meeting locals.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

One of the best experiences of my life! You learn to love food, architecture, history and just the incredible people in Granada!

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Year in School: Junior

Program: Granada SAO Exchange: Spanish

Program Sponsor: SAO

Institution Name: Cegri

Location: Granada Spain

Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad:

SPAN 399 Culture

SPAN 399 Art History

Did you take courses in your major? No, minor

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$4,500

Program Fee/Tuition: \$3,210

Accommodation: _____

Food: \$90

Books/Supplies: \$20

Airfare (from): _____

Travel: \$800

Toiletries/Misc.: \$100

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

I took the 2 advanced courses while in Granada. I think they are comparable to the difficulty of the classes at U of I. You have to do a little work but the professors understand you are wanting to travel because you are abroad. They were very accomodating. Overall there were little homework assignments throughout the week and a couple exams + bigger projects.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host mom for my study abroad. It was fabulous and really enriched my study abroad experience. I learned so much just by having to speak Spanish with her daily. My only advice is talk as much as possible with her and if you are uncomfortable with the host mom don't hesitate to switch to

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another one. I had to do that.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel Angel IS AWESOME!!!

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Host institution was great. There was a relaxed atmosphere and everyone is super nice.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Lagos Portugal - best time of my life beautiful!!
Nerja, Barcelona, Malaga, Sevilla - SPAIN

Social or Other Comments

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I learned an immense amount not only academically but also broadened my perspectives by being immersed in another culture.

Signature:

Kirsten Bock

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 Program Sponsor: LAS
 Institution Name: cegr
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? NO
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish 399 and Spanish 305

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: _____
 Program Fee/Tuition: _____
 Accommodation: X
 Food: \$500

Books/Supplies: X
 Airfare (from): used miles
 Travel: \$800
 Toiletries/Misc.: \$80

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Classes were taught completely in Spanish. You were expected to be able to communicate in Spanish. I took two advanced classes, so they were pretty difficult.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family. They were very laid back. My host mom was a great cook!

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Very helpful. Miguel and Nerea are amazing.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Cegri is beautiful and right near cafe Futbol!

Cegri had a study room and a computer room. classrooms were upstairs.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

NA

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

① Seville

② Morocco

⑤ Nerja (beach)

③ Alpujardas (mountain trip)

④ Lagos, Portugal

Social or Other Comments

- go to cafe futbol, other tapas places, bars, clubs, etc.
- GO TO THE PARKS! most beautiful parks!

Before I left, I wish I would have...

not left

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying abroad in Granada was a life-changing experience. I made life-long friends while being immersed in an amazing culture. I definitely will return to Granada at some point in my life.

Signature:

Morgan J.

Today's Date:

October 9, 2013

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Year in School: Senior
Program: Granada, Spain
Program Sponsor: _____
Institution Name: CEGEI
Location: Granada
Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No

Courses taken abroad: _____
Intro to Literary Analysis
Spanish Art History
Arab-Islamic Cultural Studies

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: <u>\$8,000</u>	Books/Supplies: <u>10</u>
Program Fee/Tuition: <u>4000</u>	Airfare (from): <u>1300</u>
Accommodation: <u>1500</u>	Travel: <u>1000</u>
Food: <u>150</u>	Toiletries/Misc.: <u>40</u>

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Fair grading w/explanations. It's not a "no-homework"
program but there isn't an overload.

Must be comfortable learning & writing in
Spanish.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

Granada, 15 minute walk from school with Carmen
Pizano, she's the best!

perfect mother figure.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Very

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Charmingly welcoming

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

Dance studio,

Zumba class at Sala Danzate

(Saladanbate.blogspot.es)

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Morocco, Lagos Portugal, Barcelona, Alpujarras, Sevilla,
Paris France

Social or Other Comments

Before I left, I wish I would have...

visited Madrid

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I wouldn't trade my experience or the people I went
with for ~~any~~ anything. I learned so much about Spanish,
the world, and myself!

Signature: Erika Torres

Today's Date: 10/3/13

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Year in School: Senior
Program: Granada
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: IEGR
Location: Granada, Spain
Period of Study: Summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish
Courses taken abroad:

Did you take courses in your major? Minor

SPAN 399 + SPAN 399 → Spanish culture & Islamic Arabic studies

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$5,644

Books/Supplies: N/A

Program Fee/Tuition: \$1,446

Airfare (from): \$1,150

Accommodation: \$1,551

Travel: \$12,000

Food: " "

Toiletries/Misc.:

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

I attended class Mon-Thurs for 5ish hrs a day. There was a decent amount of class work/hw/projects. The tests were pretty difficult but the instructors usually graded fairly easy. All classes were taught in Spanish.

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Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family, cost of housing/meals was around \$1,551. Suggestion is to interact with your family to help improve your Spanish skills.

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 Program: SAO Exchange - Spanish Studies 1st
 Program Sponsor: SAO
 Institution Name: CEGRI
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: Summer 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish Composition (228); Adv. Grammar Review (201); Oral Spanish (208)
 Did you take courses in your major? no; minor Sp

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$6,000
 Program Fee/Tuition: 3,210
 Accommodation: _____
 Food: _____

Books/Supplies: _____
 Airfare (from): \$1500
 Travel: _____
 Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Though my conversational Spanish was not up to par, I quickly caught on. The structure of AEP classes resembled a small discussion section at Illinois. Though there was homework everyday, the workload was reasonable w/ 3-day weekends. Participation was a huge factor concerning grading. As long as one follows the general flow of discussion and listens attentively, success is possible.

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Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a single woman, Ana, during my time in Granada. Used to taking students from abroad, she was extremely helpful w/ every aspect of my stay in Spain. I still talk to her frequently via Facebook and plan to visit her sometime in the near future!

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Nerea y Miguel were amazing! They were always available for assistance. Very down to earth people!

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

It was small and composed mostly of American students. Very homey!

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

We traveled to several stunning beaches. ~~and~~ They were beautiful. We also went to Madrid for a weekend. ~~and~~ Most of the time we brought our own food, so that helped a lot w/ costs!

Social or Other Comments

Before I left, I wish I would have...

traveled more! Though we planned to visit Toledo, Valencia, & Sevilla, we never got the chance to due to spending most of the time exploring Granada (which is beautiful).

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Study abroad was a terrific experience that helped me grow as a person. I've become so much more open minded!

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Year in School: senior

Program: Granada

Program Sponsor: VIVC

Institution Name: CEGR

Location: Granada, Spain

Period of Study: summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad:

Culture of Spain

Arabic/Islamic Culture

Spanish Art History

Did you take courses in your major? NO

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: ~~6000~~ ~\$ 6000

Program Fee/Tuition: \$4000

Accommodation: ↗

Food: 50 € → nights out & travel

Books/Supplies: 5 €

Airfare (from): \$1350

Travel: 300 €

Toiletries/Misc.: —

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Must speak Spanish! All classes are in Spanish so it is important to have a good base going into it. Tests every other week. Not much weekly homework. 1 paper & 1 presentation in the classes I took. Definitely a large workload because you're fitting 16 weeks into 6 weeks. Classes only in Spanish — no English allowed in Arab class.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

With the Granada program you live with a host family. It is included in the program costs. Be prepared because most families don't speak English.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel Angel & Nerea are extremely helpful! very easy to contact for anything.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Great school. classes geared toward non-native speakers.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Sevilla → bus to & from Granada (40 €), Backpackers Inn Hostel (16 €/night)

Nerja → bus to & from Granada (20 €), Hostel Bronze (15 €/night)

Lagos, Portugal → Discoversevilla / Discover Granada is a must! trip completely planned for you. (125 € + 50 € for extra activities & food)

Florence, Italy → PLUS Florence Hostel (20 €/night) - super nice! (for a host)

Social or Other Comments

Don't wait until the last week to go out!

Favourite Bar: Hannigans 2

Discotecas: Camborio, Maewest

Before I left, I wish I would have...

• gone out more

• Explored Granada more

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I loved living in Granada. We found a good balance between school, traveling and going out.

Signature: Margaret Johnson

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Year in School: Junior
Program: Spanish Studies in Granada
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: CEGRI
Location: Granada
Period of Study: Summer 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? no
Courses taken abroad: Span 399, Span 305

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$5,689.00
Program Fee/Tuition: \$4,279.00
Accommodation: _____
Food: _____

Books/Supplies: _____
Airfare (from): \$1,410.00
Travel: _____
Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

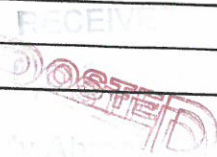
Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

The courses were all in Spanish, but I did not feel that they were very much harder than Spanish classes here. Grading was similar, and workload was more than I expected but not unmanageable. I did feel that I need fairly advanced Spanish skills. People were very patient, but I would have been lost without so much experience with speaking Spanish.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family. They were awesome, and I would definitely recommend living w/ a host family.



On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

He was very willing to help whenever we needed it.
He did everything he could to make our trip a success.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

my host institution was very welcoming. I felt
at home and comfortable there, and I learned a lot.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

none

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Barcelona, Córdoba, Sevilla. I would recommend
all three.

Social or Other Comments

While you have to be aware and especially careful
at night, most Spaniards are nice, patient
and willing to help.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Spent more time in Madrid. I only got to see
the airport, but I really wish I'd seen more.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I loved the mixing of cultures and religions that influence
Spain. The cultural sites were so cool, and my classes were
really interesting. I really enjoyed living with my host mom.

Signature: Jennifer Brea

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Year in School: SENIOR
 Program: SAO Exchange - Spanish Studies in Granada
 Program Sponsor: Study Abroad
 Institution Name: CEGRI
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: Summer 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish
 Courses taken abroad:

Did you take courses in your major? No

SPAN 317: Culturas de España
SPAN 399: Estudios Culturales Árabe-Islámicos

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$1,681
 Program Fee/Tuition: \$2,426
 Accommodation: \$100.00
 Food: \$150.00 (tapas, meals, etc)

Books/Supplies: \$20.00
 Airfare (from): \$1,310 (round trip)
 Travel: \$600.00 (other travels/trips)
 Toiletries/Misc.: \$75.00 USD

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Depending on the classes one was taking, you had either a long break during the day or you were done early. For example, my classes (2) were from 11am-12:50pm & 1:30pm-6:20pm. Spanish was required both in written & spoken form. The teachers were very kind and helped those who had troubles translating or finding ways to communicate when it was difficult. The grading was very fair and while the courses were not that hard they definitely increased in speed after some time. The teachers challenged you and always reminded us to speak Spanish as that was the only way we could improve. There were 2 exams for each class & they were spread out like in any class here at UVC - a midterm & final. Certain classes also had a project or 2 to be completed.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived in Granada with a host family. I got a great Señora named Carmen. I also had a host sister. The apartment I lived in was a 10 minute walk from CEGRI. The location was great because there were buses which also dropped me off across the apartment. I recommend getting a bus pass if you will be using the bus frequently, but walking is the most common mode of transportation.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Extremely helpful! They were always informing us of new things (be tips or important dates, information, etc). If we had any problems, they knew how to handle them & they were very easy to talk to.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

The institution itself was an old, large home, which was turned into a small school. The classrooms are ~~perfect~~^{adequate} for the small amount of students in each class. There is also a computer room & small library.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

I only joined the "intercambio" which is a small club in which you get paired up with a local who needs to practice their English. you both set up dates and practice speaking Spanish & English.

It's a non-hassle experience.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I traveled to Portugal with Discover Granada, which was only 150 euro plus food and personal items.

Also, Sevilla & Cordoba on the train & bus - 100 for both bus tickets.

Barcelona & Madrid by overnight train - around 150 euro for both.

I recommend Barcelona & Madrid to those only visiting a few places & limited spending.

Social or Other Comments

The hardest thing to do is meet locals, but it is easier if one goes out to the local clubs/bars/discotecas and begin making small talk. It makes the experience a lot more fun and personal.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Made more Spanish friends and actually keep in touch with them.

Because of the time limit during the summer term it was difficult to actually have Spanish friends our age.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

One of the most inspiring and influential experiences of my life. It definitely took me into another world and out of my comfort zone. Worth every penny.

Signature: Elma Hen

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Minor: Spanish

Year in School: Senior
Program: Spanish Studies in Granada
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: CEGR
Location: Granada, Spain
Period of Study: Spring 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish
Courses taken abroad: Grammar 2
Culture of Islam
Spanish Art & Architecture
Culture of Spain

Did you take courses in your major? NO

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: _____

Program Fee/Tuition: _____

Accommodation: _____

Food: €250

Books/Supplies: €15

Airfare (from): \$1800

Travel: ~ €2000

Toiletries/Misc.: €250

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

☒ classes had mandatory attendance, but you did not get to choose your class times. Workload was fair, exams and assignments were given in advance to allow you dates to plan traveling; however I felt they were graded ~~fairly~~ subjectively. Spanish As far as speaking Spanish, classes and teachers were very accommodating to many different levels of proficiency and classes were small enough that you could understand wouldn't get lost in translation and were also encouraged to participate in discussions.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

Host Family - Sra. Aurelia Catalina Galeano Arias
cost was included in tuition

I enjoyed living with a host family; but it was required for the Granada program (not optional)

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel Angel was very available at the international office and was extremely willing to help with any issue. Great man, knew English fluently

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

CEERI was extremely catered towards American students was a really homey location and had wifi access

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

NONE

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Total cost - \$2500 approx

Fly - Ryanair, Vueling, Easy jet

Destinations - Greece, Prague, Paris, London, Lagos (Port of Amsterdam)

Social or Other Comments

GO OUT FOR TAPAS!

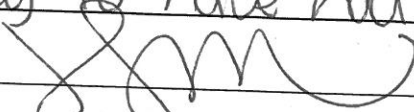
Before I left, I wish I would have...

Bought multiple travel sized toiletries because I went through them so quickly and they were hard to find or very expensive to buy in Europe.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying abroad opened my eyes to the world and was the perfect mix of many many countries. I'm so lucky to have had the opportunity to make

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Granada, Spain my home for a semester and

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See Granada travel around Europe to places some people will never have the chance to see. I will be back.

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Year in School: Senior
 Program: SAO Granada
 Program Sponsor: VVC
 Institution Name: ceasi
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: _____

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? Yes (Spanish)
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish advanced grammar, oral Spanish, Spanish literature, Spanish art

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$15,400
 Program Fee/Tuition: \$13,000
 Accommodation: included
 Food: \$300

Books/Supplies: \$0
 Airfare (from): \$1,000
 Travel: \$800
 Toiletries/Misc.: \$300

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Grading was fair, workload was low, a few exams but not stressful at all and you should know Spanish to be in this program (the more, the better).

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Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

With a family (a couple & a baby). Cost included in program fee. Recommendations are know the most Spanish you can because most families speak no English!!

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Extremely helpful & supportive.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

loving, caring, hysterical.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

Volunteered teaching english to homeless adults
(organization is Carites).

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Portugal, Ireland, London, Paris, Amsterdam, and all over Spain.
Probably spent at least \$800-but that was because
I traveled a lot.

Social or Other Comments

Before I left, I wish I would have...

stayed a year instead of a semester.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

It was incredible. I learned so much about myself
and met so many people. The experience changed my
life and I've decided to work abroad after graduation
because of it.

Signature: Julia Quas

Today's Date: 8-28-2012

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Year in School: Junior
Program: Granada - Summer
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: CEPR
Location: Granada
Period of Study: Summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Did you take courses in your major? In minor

Courses taken abroad:

SPAN 300 - cultures of Islam (3)
SPIN 252 - literary analysis (3)
Art History (1)

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$6,000

Program Fee/Tuition:

Accommodation:

Food:

Books/Supplies: \$10

Airfare (from): Chicago - Granada \$13

Travel: \$1,000

Toiletries/Misc.: \$100

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

The amount of foreign language required is accurate. There will be students with all different levels. Don't let this bother you. Do your best and you will be fine. I had taken up to SPAN 228 and felt challenged but I was alright!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host mother and her two children. I recommend living / requesting kids. Normally, the adults (parents) are nicer and you can learn a lot from the kids!

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel (Resident Director) was great! Made students very comfortable feel free to go to him for anything.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Very pleasant. I had a great living situation with my family and this added to my experience.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

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Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Seville → ≈ 150 € (highly recommend)
Lagos, Portugal → ≈ 200 € great experience
traveled through "discover Granada"

Social or Other Comments

Don't worry about embarrassing yourself. Be outgoing, try to make friends, and again, who cares if you make mistakes!

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Relaxed! The trip will fly by so don't be too nervous.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

An eye opening experience. more challenging than I had anticipated (regarding culture shock) but worth it!

Signature:

Emily Z

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Year in School: Sophomore
 Program: Spanish Studies in Granada
 Program Sponsor: SAO Exchange
 Institution Name: CEGRI
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: Spring 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? NO
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish Composition (SPAN 228), Intro to Cultural Analysis (SPAN 254), Cultures of Spain I (SPAN 318/320), Practical Review of Spanish (SPAN 204), Spanish Art History (SPAN 399)

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$17,150
 Program Fee/Tuition: \$5,835
 Accommodation: \$3,865
 Food: \$200
 (extra)

Books/Supplies: \$50
 Airfare (from): \$1,200
 Travel: \$5,000
 Toiletries/Misc.: \$1,000

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

All of the classes at CEGRI transfer well and follow a similar curriculum to UIUC classes. The teachers are all very friendly & helpful (will speak slowly at first & repeat themselves to clarify everything because they understand all the students are from the U.S.). Workload, exams, takea, presentations are all easier than a typical semester at UIUC. You will only use Spanish in class and while talking with the profs.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family in the Zaidin (right outside the city center beyond the river). I HIGHLY encourage living with a host family - you will learn a lot and have a richer experience. I loved my host family - they treated me like a daughter... and a princess, ha.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

AMAZING! Miguel and Merca are FANTASTIC. If you need anything, they will help. Such wonderful people in program stuff.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

CEGRI. All U of I students. Nice profs. Easy classes.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

I had a conversation partner, but it didn't work out — creepy.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

SO much \$ and time spent on traveling — Worth it.

Paris: €300-400 Morocco: €500 Spain: €1500 (Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Malaga, Cordoba)
Italy: €1000 Ireland: €500
Portugal: €300 England: €600 LOVED parts, Rome, Florence, Morocco, Dubai, Barcelona.

Social or Other Comments

MEET SPANIARDS. I wish I would have broken away from the CEGRI group more to meet/hang out with locals. Go to tapas all the time. Also, go to a bull fight — really crazy.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

So many things. Gone to the Alhambra again, TAPAS hop, pull an all-nighter at the discotecas, El Camino de Santiago, Botellon Park.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Study abroad is such an amazing opportunity that EVERYONE should make time for. You learn a lot and experience life in a whole new way for a semester. GO!

Signature: Kelly May

Today's Date: 8/25/2012

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Year in School: Senior
Program: Spanish Studies in Granada

Program Sponsor: SAO

Institution Name: Cegri

Location: Granada, Spain

Period of Study: 4 months

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad: Art

Cultures of Spain (~~254~~)

Cultural Analysis (254)

History of Islam

Did you take courses in your major? No

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: equal to total of \$

Program Fee/Tuition: to all of \$

Accommodation: _____

Food: _____

Books/Supplies: \$0 (books) \$20 sy

Airfare (from): \$3000

Travel: \$2000

Toiletries/Misc.: \$300

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Classes were very much discussion based - the point is for you to speak and practice your Spanish. Workload was very manageable, as well as exams. Papers/homework/instruction → all in Spanish. Difficult at first, but paid off!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family (well, 2 - I switched families). My great experience was with Teresa Mejias about 10 min. away from Cegri.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?
The directors were all very helpful - especially

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?
Cegu was very relaxed, small, and home-y

The professors were all very personable - they want to be your friend

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.
Spanish Intercambio w/ student/native of

Granada. Highly recommended!

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Spain: Sevilla (GO!), Madrid, Barcelona, Cordoba, Palma
Mallorca, Valencia. Portugal (Discotheque Granada) +
Ireland - Dublin (go!), France - Paris (go!),
Italy - Verona (go!), Venice (go!), Cinque Terre!

Social or Other Comments

SWITCH HOST FAMILIES RIGHT AWAY - OR WHENEVER
if you are uncomfortable. It is NEVER too late to switch.

I switched after 3 months of being unhappy and got to live w/
an amazing family I loved for 4 unforgettable months.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

known that studying abroad doesn't mean you are
having an adventure every minute of every day.
Enjoy slow moments, save a good number of weekends
for your host city, and don't feel like you have to
plan a trip every weekend! You'll burn out - and it's
very expensive!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

An incredible experience that taught me
more about myself and life than anything
else. You'll get more 2s than answers in studying abroad

Signature: Laura Nillo

Today's Date: 6/7/12

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but,
that's
the
joy!

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Year in School: Senior
Program: SAO: Spanish Studies in Granada
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: CEGBI + Universidad de Granada
Location: Granada, Spain
Period of Study: Academic Year

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad: Phonetics, Linguistics, Intro to Literature of Spain,

Did you take courses in your major? Yes

Spanish Literature + movies, Islamic Studies, Culture of Spain, Spanish Art,
Advanced Grammar (Universidad de Granada: Antropología de la Salud)

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: 35,000

Program Fee/Tuition: 27,000

Accommodation:

Food: * (400 dollars)

Books/Supplies: * (20 dollars)

Airfare (from): * (not including to/from Spain - 200)

Travel: 8,000* - total

Toiletries/Misc.: * (200 dollars)

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Classes at CEGBI are not intense at all, but they allow
you to explore the culture and learn on your own. I'd
suggest having a basic level of Spanish before arriving
but the language comes easy while living there.

-My classes at the University of Granada are different in
the sense that they don't do anything all semester and
then at the end it's exam, paper, project due suddenly
but it wasn't hard at all!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with 2 separate host families over the span of the
year. Both of which were single host mothers. I believe the cost
is 22€ a day but it is covered in the total program cost.
Living with a host family was an awesome experience!

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

They were very helpful. Miguel Angel Gallindo and Nerea were really accommodating and resourceful. I always felt like I was in good hands.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

My host institution was really cool. They were really helpful and nice. Also the university of Granada was really accommodating to foreigners too!

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

I volunteered at Almanjara social help program and was able to teach english to kids and it was a really cool experience.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Watch your spendings - it goes fast!
Edinburgh, Scotland = awesome city.

Explore Spain → don't forget you're abroad in Spain and it's just as cool as the rest of Europe.

Social or Other Comments

It is really easy to remain in contact with home.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Visited more cities in Spain.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying Abroad is the best time of your entire life. You will never regret it and make sure you make the best of it.

Signature: Melissa Bird

Today's Date: 6/14/91

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Year in School: Junior
 Program: Granada
 Program Sponsor: SAC
 Institution Name: CEGR
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: Summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No
 Courses taken abroad: Spanish Culture, Culture of Islam

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)
 Total Cost: _____

Program Fee/Tuition: ~3/4,000

Accommodation: _____

Food: _____

Books/Supplies: _____

Airfare (from): 1,000

Travel: _____

Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Workload was very manageable. Took class from 11-1
and 4-6 M-Thr. No class on Friday. 2 exams
each, 1 project each, 2 finals (total). Instructors
speak at a fair pace and explain themselves very
well to make sure you understand!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

Host family - Stay in contact! Whenever I
travel back, I know I have a second home



On-site Organization:
How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Great! Spoke both languages very well. Cared so much about your learning and a good time

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Friendly staff that cared and challenged you but also accommodating

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Sierra Nevada Mts, Alpujarras, Nerja, Sevilla, Paris, Morocco, Portugal, London

Social or Other Comments

Talk to everyone you meet. Push yourself.

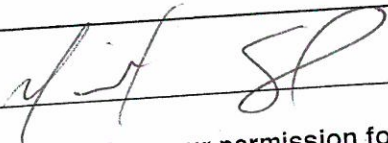
Before I left, I wish I would have...

Practiced language skills more.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I wouldn't trade it for anything. I think about the memories every day.

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Year in School: Junior
 Program: SAO Exchange: Spanish Studies in C
 Program Sponsor: ?
 Institution Name: Cegre
 Location: Granada
 Period of Study: Summer 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad:

Did you take courses in your major? Classes in my

span 250

-Intro to Literary Analysis

SPAN 399

Estudios culturales árabo-islám

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$5,434

Program Fee/Tuition: \$3000

Accommodation: \$1000

Food: \$300

Books/Supplies: \$40

Airfare (from): \$2000

Travel: \$2500

Toiletries/Misc.: \$50

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

Courses lasted 6 weeks, and were taught completely in Spanish.
The workload was comparable to UIUC. There were 1 or 2 exams in
each class, plus a few homeworks/papers. Grading was fair/not too
tough; if you go to class/do the work you won't get lower than a B.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived in an apartment, with a 50 yr woman and her 30 yr old
son. There were also other international students staying with us.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

The director, Miguel, and all other teachers were very helpful/friendly. They were also available at all times.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Cegri was a small school in the middle of Granada. Looked like a regular building / had 3 classrooms. Teachers / facilities were great.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I went to Amsterdam ~ \$1500 Group trip to Alpujarras
Barcelona ~ \$400
Portugal ~ \$300
Barcelona/Ams were amazing, I recommend the group trips also.

Social or Other Comments

Our group was awesome, make friends within the group. Granada has great tapas (free) bars, and discotecas. Big city, but not overwhelming at all.

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Gone to a soccer game

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

It was an incredible, mind opening experience. I learned alot, and made great new friends. This program is great!

Signature: Dan Linzadas

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Year in School: Senior
 Program: Granada, Spain
 Program Sponsor: SAO
 Institution Name: Cegi
 Location: Spain
 Period of Study: Spring 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Did you take courses in your major? Yes

Courses taken abroad:

~~300-320~~

Practical Review of Spanish II
Oral Spanish
Spanish Art History
Cultures of Spain

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: 13,800

Program Fee/Tuition: 5800

Accommodation: 3200

Food: \$500

Books/Supplies: \$50

Airfare (from): \$800 - IBERIA

Travel: \$1500 minimum

Toiletries/Misc.: \$200

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

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All of my four courses were instructed in Spanish. This was a bit difficult at first, but I loved it throughout my entire stay. The classes were constructed with very interesting worthwhile content. Some transferred over to my major but others were used for course hours completion. The workload was pretty light and we had tests at midterms + finals. Overall, not too challenging but I loved all of my classes and teachers. CEGI is an amazing educational institution!!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I stayed in an apartment with one older woman. She had a small dog. I had my own room and bathroom which was very nice. She was an AMAZING cook and would recommend her to any student. The cost was affordable.

On-site Organization:
How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?
Always approachable and accessible. They were very helpful to all of the students and staff.

Host Institution:
How would you describe your host institution?

CECRI picks! It is a tiny school with 3 classrooms, 1 computer lab, + 1 library/common area. Very pretty! Great location!

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

None I volunteered weekly at a soup kitchen.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

\$1500 minimum
- Barcelona, Amsterdam, Ireland (southern), Italy, Germany (Munich)
- Spain → Cordoba, Merja, Barcelona, La Rioja

Social or Other Comments

- loved meeting up with friends for tapas, especially because the food comes free when you order a drink!
- The discoteca called Camborio was amazing!

Before I left, I wish I would have...

Nothing
- I do wish I would have extended my stay into the summer, perhaps get a job as an au pair.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

If you are looking to learn a lot of Spanish in a safe, beautiful environment, Granada is the perfect program! Opportunities are endless. I loved discovering every part of the city.

Signature:

Victoria Nolan

Today's Date:

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Year in School: Senior (graduating 1)
 Program: Spanish Studies in Granada
 Program Sponsor: Illinois Study Abroad
 Institution Name: CEGR
 Location: Granada, Spain
 Period of Study: Spring semester 20

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad: (#5 of SPAN courses vary)
SPANISH FOR BUSINESS
ORAL SPANISH
GRAMMAR
WRITING

Did you take courses in your major? NO
all "Illinois-approved"
I took all for "credit only",
but I wish I didn't

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: ~\$13,800
 Program Fee/Tuition: \$9,200
 Accommodation: \$3,200
 Food: (included) > Host Family

Books/Supplies: \$40
 Airfare (from): \$1000 (or so)
 Travel: depends on student
 Toiletries/Misc.: \$2000

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

All courses are taught entirely in Spanish. The teachers will
"demand" and "encourage" that you speak in Spanish and stay
engaged/participate as much as you can. You will have bigger
breaks in your day and in between classes than you are probably
used to. Workload and grading is very fair. I really enjoyed
all of my classes. The teachers are wonderful. Small class sizes and
a lot of class participation & flexibility. Less busy work—more
"hands-on" type of activities in class. At first, the constant Spanish
was difficult for me, but soon it felt second-nature to me.
Classes are really enjoyable if you participate and try!"

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...
I lived with a host family—a woman and her daughter
(27 years old) in an apartment. It may be hard at first,
but you need to be patient and flexible. You may feel uncomfortable
at times, but this aspect (my host family) was one of
the best and emotional aspects of my semester abroad

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On-site Organization:
How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?
Very helpful. All of the on-site directors, teachers, and other faculty (mostly employed through U of I) were incredibly helpful. They were a significant support system for me.

Host Institution:
How would you describe your host institution?
Wonderful. Great location - walking distance from my host family, intimate in size and nature of staff, teachers, and students. Very cute and "authentic" feel.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.
I went running at local parks and paths - considered joining a gym, but it was too expensive.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)
I travelled often. On long weekends and all "extended" breaks.
Destinations: Sevilla, Madrid, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Brussels, Cagliari, Rome, Florence, Cinque Terre (Italy)... Nerja...
Use ALSA buses for very reasonable and practical travel within Spain.

Social or Other Comments
Go out for tapas and explore the city as much as possible! But - also - take the time to relax and bond with your family (host family). PRACTICE THE LANGUAGE!

Before I left, I wish I would have...
Bought a better camera 😊 and brought warmer clothes... was colder for longer than I had anticipated. Also - bring something from home as a gift for your host family!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences
My experience in Granada was nothing I could have expected or guessed... in the best way. I discovered a beautiful and authentic new culture, became almost fluent in the language, connected to new friends and

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A thrilling, challenging, and eye-opening experience. my unique host family, and in the end, discovered aspects of myself and my personality.

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Major: Spanish Education

Year in School: Senior

Program: Granada, Spain Spring

Program Sponsor: SAO

Institution Name: U of I

Location: Granada, Spain

Period of Study: semester

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Courses taken abroad: Culture of Islam, Culture of Spain, Advanced Literature, Phonetics, History of Art

Did you take courses in your major? yes - all

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable) 1€ = \$1.50

Total Cost: \$13,108

Program Fee/Tuition: \$9200

Accommodation: (Hostals) \$480

Food: \$2200 500

Books/Supplies: 5€ → \$7.50

Airfare (from): \$2445

Travel: €50 (train, bus, cab) (\$75)

Toiletries/Misc.: \$400

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clothes,
souvenirs

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

All of the classes are completely in Spanish, but if you're used to classes like this at U of I then you'll be fine. There are classes of varying levels to accommodate everyone. In general, grading was very easy compared to U of I, and I usually had no homework except from Advanced Literature. All of the teachers I had were great, and if you really hate a teacher for some reason you can switch within the first 2 weeks. I highly recommend Historia de Arte - you take weekly field trips around Granada!

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family, which I loved! The cost was included in the program fee, and I highly recommend staying with a family - my host parents were so nice and I learned a lot from them in terms of language and culture.

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On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

The on-site director Miguel and his wife Nerea are wonderful people! They're nice and will help you with any problem, plus you can tell them anything. Nerea will even take you to the doctor if you get sick!

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Ceagri is like a family to me! I loved spending time with the other kids and the secretaries, janitors, etc. are great people. The classes are generally fun and the computer rooms are a fun place to hang out.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

I volunteered at a local elementary school to help teach kids English - I loved it!

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Costs - see "costs" section. I went to Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Mallorca, Nerja, Córdoba and Málaga. Make sure your bags fit bag restrictions, especially on Ryanair!

Try going to Madrid around March or later - it's beautiful!

Websites used for travel: Skyscanner and Hostelward.

Social or Other Comments

It's really easy to make friends in the study abroad group; don't worry about not knowing anyone. Also, plan your trips ahead of time to cut back on stress and save money!

Before I left, I wish I would have...

packed a heavier winter coat - I ended up buying a coat because winters are pretty cold! I also should have brought more sporty clothing for things like hiking - it was fine in jeans, but would've been better with sweat pants or something!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I had the time of my life studying abroad. I learned so much about myself and gained a lot of independence and confidence.

Signature: Kayla Penney

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Year in School: Junior
 Program: Granada
 Program Sponsor: SAO Exchange
 Institution Name: CEGRI; Universidad
 Location: Granada de Granada
 Period of Study: Spring '10

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? Yep!
 Courses taken abroad: Culture of Spain
Spanish Law
Spanish Art History
Introduction to Spanish Lit
Antropología de Etnicidad (Universidad de Granada)

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$15 - \$16,000

Program Fee/Tuition: \$12,000

Accommodation: included

Food: ~~\$300~~ \$500

Books/Supplies: \$50

Airfare (from): \$7,000 (included)

Travel: ~~\$400~~ \$2,000

Toiletries/Misc.: \$500

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

The courses were great. They weren't super difficult and there wasn't a ton of homework but they weren't blow-off classes either (though it seemed like the Culture of Spain class had the most homework). I learned so much from all of them, about Spanish culture, history, and of course the language. There weren't a ton of exams - no more than regular university classes and they seemed to be graded very fairly. The classes also are divided up for people who are at different Spanish levels, so anyone could take any course.

Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host mom and sister ~~near~~ near the intersection of Camino de Ronda & Calle Alhambra. The cost was included. Gracia Medina (my mom) was very sweet & accommodating & seriously the best host in the whole city. One thing - if you really

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don't like or can't live with smokers, make sure you specify that on your housing application & tell them from the beginning. I knew a lot of students →

including me) who were placed with families
who smoked even though they ~~didn't want~~
said that they didn't want to live with
people who smoked. I got used to it but
you have asthma or something, that might
not work so well.

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

Miguel Ángel (resident director) and everyone else at CEGRI were incredible and extremely friendly & helpful. I never had any questions or problems that I couldn't get help with.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

CEGRI is adorable - a very A-Grade-looking build. It's in a great location, too, right in the center of Granada.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

I volunteered with older people through the Pano de Jesús Obispo and had an intercultural with a student from the university.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Morocco - 200 € (very touristy, not the best way to spend)
Lagos - 300 € (kind of boring, went with Discover)
Paris - 250 - 300 € (went in Spring - absolutely beautiful)
Camino de Santiago - 750 €? (month-long pilgrimage across northern Spain. Very cheap & AWESOME but if you do have one equipment, it's expensive)

Social or Other Comments
Going out in Granada is fantastic. There are a ton of tapas bars to check out (go to the ones where you pay 2€ for a drink & big tapa) and discotecas (go when it's free for girls). Check out a flamenco show in the Alhambra. Before I left, I wish I would have... Albaicín. Brought a jacket! I thought ~~the~~ southern Spain would be warm year-round but during the fall/winter/early spring you still need a light jacket. It can get down to 10-15°C during the winter.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Granada was amazing!! I can't wait to go back. Be sure to check out other programs if you're interested in learning Spanish, though, because there are a lot of Americans that go on the program. But you'll still love it.

Signature: Nana E. Large

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Year in School: Junior
 Program: SAO Exchange: Spanish Studies in C
 Program Sponsor: myaqui, Angela
 Institution Name: CECRI
 Location: Granada
 Period of Study: January '09 - May '09

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish

Did you take courses in your major? NO

Courses taken abroad:

practical review of Spanish Grammar (SPAN 204), Spanish composition (SPAN 228)
CULT of Spain (SPAN 318), Spanish Art History (SPAN 399), and
CULT of Islam (SPAN 399)

Costs (please list in US Dollars and Foreign Currency where applicable)

Total Cost: \$13,000

Program Fee/Tuition: \$10,000

Accommodation: ---

Food: \$200

Books/Supplies: \$15

Airfare (from): \$1,600

Travel: \$1,000

Toiletries/Misc.: \$40

Academic Experience:

Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

For classes there was a lot of demand for use of the foreign language.
Classes were all taught in Spanish. The workload was not
heavy during the semester. However at the end of the semester
there were 5 projects/essays due as well as 5 tests. There were not
huge exams like here at UofI. The grading was fair.

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Housing:

Where did you live, with whom, the cost, recommendations for future study abroaders...

I lived with a host family, a older lady and her 40 year old
son. The cost was included in our program fee. I absolutely LOVED
my host family, they showed me a lot and just speaking with
them got me more accustomed to the language.

On-site Organization:

How helpful was the on-site director, international office or other contact person?

EVERYONE was so very helpful and very accessible when needed.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

THE host institution looked like a big house. It was pretty cold so I wore my coat in class most of the time. The internet was horrible, but luckily my host family had internet.

Clubs, Societies, or Sports Teams and Facilities that you joined.

None, however I did take salsa lessons.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Morocco: \$1000, Dublin, London, and Paris: \$1500, Berlin: \$100, Poland: \$1200, Cordoba: \$100, Madrid: \$150, Sevilla: \$150
Make sure to arrive ahead of time for flights and buses

Social or Other Comments

Make sure to be open with the culture, speak to the natives, do not just travel but spend some time in your own city where you are studying.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying abroad really opened my eyes to life in a European country. It broadened my view on different cultures and allowed me to learn, do, and speak as the Spaniards do.

Before I left, I wish someone had told me...

To bring an umbrella, bring really warm pajamas, bring your own toiletries and school supplies.

Signature:

Mark Pugh

Today's Date: 03/19/10

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