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Program Sponsor: CIDE Devsto
Institution Name: University of Devsto
Location: Bilbao Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No (minor)
Courses taken abroad: _____
Spain IN Europe
Culture & Politics of 19th-20th century Spain

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

Total Cost: <u>~\$8,000</u>	Books/Supplies: <u>\$100</u>
Program Fee/Tuition: _____	Airfare (from): <u>\$2000</u>
Accommodation: _____	Travel: <u>\$100</u>
Food: _____	Toiletries/Misc.: <u>\$70</u>

Academic Experience:

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

Both courses were lectures with small to moderate amounts of reading. Spain in Europe had more open discussion, while Culture & Politics was generally more formal lecture broken up with group activities. Both were taught primarily in Spanish but used English for difficult concepts. Spain in Europe in particular used English to clarify differences between different institutions in the European Union. Grading was in general fair. Most assignments were reasonable, and exams were fine so long as one studied. Learning about the European Union was confusing because it's the European Union.

Housing:

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

Lived with host family - Julia V. Cost was generally reasonable - would recommend host family over dorm for vegetarians. General recommendations: pay attention to directives, try not to be late, and drinking excessively on outings tricks off the teachers.

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

On-site personnel were friendly & helpful. Hard to contact office, even in event of emergency.

Host Institution:**How would you describe your host institution?**

Very pretty, you feel it has lots of history. Modern facilities meshed well, though occasionally there were problems (debacle of firing employees led to boycotts/protests by students & faculty)

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

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

hiking in Plentzia

Trains were cheap & convenient

Recommend visiting vineyards in La Rioja, ↓ Castle of Butrón as day trips. Good in-town museums include (Kviggan hien, Museo de Bellas Artes, Museo Vasco, & Arkeologi Museoa

Social or Other Comments

Learn about Basque & its history. Just do it so you don't piss off the locals.

Also get ready for lots of stairs.

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

Gone to a local festival, spoken to locals more

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Spain is a beautiful country, particularly in the mountains. I was grateful to have had an opportunity to experience the country, its art and culture, if only for a short while.

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Program: SAO Bilbao
Program Sponsor: _____
Institution Name: Deusto
Location: Bilbao, Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: spanish Did you take courses in your major? no
Courses taken abroad: Spain in Europe
Advanced Spanish Grammar & composition

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

Total Cost: _____
Program Fee/Tuition: _____
Accommodation: none
Food: \$100

Books/Supplies: \$40
Airfare (from): _____
Travel: \$200
Toiletries/Misc.: \$20

Academic Experience:

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

I had class everyday for either 3 hours or 5. There was
a break in the day for siesta. Grading was based on
attendance, homework, a mid term & final exam. For the
classes that I took, probably 3-4 years of spanish would
be required. All instruction was done in Spanish & the
professors spoke very quickly.

Housing:

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

I lived w/ a host family. she was a divorced mom w/
2 kids that split their time between her home & her
husband's. she lived in an apartment on the bay at the
~~Deusto~~ metro stop.
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On-site Organization:

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

Very helpful

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

A very clean & new facility. The classrooms were very

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

I had class during the sports & activities so I was unable to participate.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I travelled to Barcelona & stayed at a hostel called The Hipstel. The Bilbao Airport was very easy to fly in & out of & I used Kayak to find cheap plane tickets.

Social or Other Comments

The social life is very different. People tend to go out around 1am & come home around 8am. The most popular beverage is Kalimotxo, a mix of red wine & coke.

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

researched Bilbao & the surrounding areas more

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

My trip to Bilbao was one of the best times of my life. I have become more independent and can't wait to travel more in the future.

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Madeline Toul

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 Program: 2013 Summer Business Program in Bilbao
 Program Sponsor: _____
 Institution Name: University of Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: 06/24/13 - 07/29/13

-- Program Basics --

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

Courses taken abroad:

Spanish IV
Spain's Society and Economy in the European Union

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

Total Cost: \$10900 Books/Supplies: around ~~\$100~~ \$100
 Program Fee/Tuition: around \$7500 Airfare (from): around \$1400
 Accommodation: included in Program Fee Travel: around \$600
 Food: around \$500 Toiletries/Misc.: around \$900

Academic Experience:

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

The structure of courses is very reasonable.
We finish most of the work in class. There's not
a lot of home work.
My business class is in English, so the requirement
for Spanish is not very high for me.
The workload and exams are very reasonable.
The grading is fair.

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Housing:

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

I lived in a host family with my host parents and two
host sisters.
I don't know the exact amount of cost
I highly recommend future students to live in a
host family and treat them as real family.

On-site Organization:

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

Very helpful. I ^{went} to the international office or email my advisor whenever I had problems, and they always gave me quick response.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

They have a lot of experience of this kind of studying abroad program. They make good arrangement of the course and entertainment.

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

None

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I travelled to Barcelona, ~~and~~ Madrid and some beaches near my city.

I recommend book tickets online in advance and choose hostels carefully.

Social or Other Comments

Hang out more with local people to improve your foreign language.

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

Practice Spanish more.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

It's my best experience during college. I recommend all my friends to study abroad if they can. I grew and ~~impro~~ learned a lot from this experience.

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 Program: Bilbao Spanish
 Program Sponsor: SAO
 Institution Name: Deusto
 Location: Bilbao Spain
 Period of Study: summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish
 Courses taken abroad:

Did you take courses in your major? NO

Spanish 4

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

Total Cost: _____
 Program Fee/Tuition: _____
 Accommodation: _____
 Food: _____

Books/Supplies: _____
 Airfare (from): _____
 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.

- Homework most days but only a short exercise of 2
- grading was same as UofI
- 2 exams, midterm + final, 1 project
- need some Spanish but take a proficiency placement test before classes start

Housing:

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

I lived with a host mom. She was
 Wonderful! I recommend her, 3 meals a day,
 own bathroom, sweetest lady!

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On-site Organization:

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

Semi- I never really contacted them because I
had no problems

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Classes were small + the teachers got to know
each student well

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

I didn't

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Barcelona -
San Sebastian - } book flights + hostels early! they
Paris - } are cheaper then too
Italy - }

Social or Other Comments

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

packed more shorts, it was hot!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Amazing. Wonderful. Do it! :)

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Bil Spain (Teneisha)

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Program: Summer 2013 Bilbao Spain
Program Sponsor: CIDE
Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
Location: Bilbao, 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 course and the study abroad course

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

Total Cost: ~~\$6500~~ \$7100 Books/Supplies: \$100
Program Fee/Tuition: \$5,000 Airfare (from): \$1,500
Accommodation: Included in above Travel: \$300
Food: Included above + \$200 extra 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 needed to know a basic level Spanish to manage in Bilbao. Also, the work load was perfect for summer travel; meaningful but not overwhelming. The structure of classes were a little unorganized but ok.

Housing:

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

I lived with a host family and it was the best decision I could have made. I am still in contact with them. I think it was less expensive for me.

On-site Organization:

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

They were very helpful and open to working with you.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Of high caliber but not very many locals during the summer.

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

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

San Juan → only €10
Pamplona → part of program/ with host family

Social or Other Comments

Very safe city, felt comfortable talking to everyone.

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

Understood more what Euskera was

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

The most life fulfilling experience I have had to date. I learned about Spanish culture and language but mostly about myself.

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Elita Ariz

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Program: SAO Intensive Spanish in Bilbao
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
Location: Bilbao
Period of Study: Summer 2013

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? yes
Courses taken abroad: Spanish Literature in 20th century Spain and Advanced
Grammar, Translation, and Composition

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

Total Cost: ~\$7500
Program Fee/Tuition: \$4874
Accommodation: _____
Food: _____

Books/Supplies: \$70
Airfare (from): roundtrip \$1597
Travel: \$11.50 per metro ride
Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

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

2 classes - in class from 10:00-4:00
1 midterm and a final in Grammar
3 papers and a final in Literature
fairly high level of Spanish needed to totally understand
concepts.
Good variety of material in classes
Read a lot of new authors and poets including one from Bilbao

Housing:

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

Lived in residence hall - 5 minute walk to the university.
Excellent location in the city.
Had on site printer.

On-site Organization:

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

CIDE Office was helpful - asked a few questions during the program and received responses.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Very much a part of the area
lots of history
beautiful location

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

Went to two meetings of Tandem program (language exchange), but didn't have time to meet again during 5 weeks.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

took the bus to tour a town about an hour south of Bilbao (Haro) about 20 euros roundtrip. Beautiful countryside outside of city. Tour Pamplona as well if you can - Very cool architecture and history.

Social or Other Comments

Explore Bilbao! Ask around for where people like to go and do research beforehand about some sites. Always bring a map. Meet people in the program and go on adventures. Take lots of pictures!

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

broken in my shoes! There is a lot of walking.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

It was a wonderful opportunity to explore a new place, read some new authors, and delve into the history of somewhere new! I learned a lot and loved it.

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Caitlin J. Schulte

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Year in School: Senior
 Program: CIDE
 Program Sponsor: _____
 Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: Fall 2012

-- Program Basics --

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

Courses taken abroad:

- Spanish Grammar, Conversation, Composition
- Spanish Language in Context

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

Total Cost: \$10,000 ~

Books/Supplies: \$70

Program Fee/Tuition: \$7,000 ~

Airfare (from): \$1200

Accommodation: ↓

Travel: \$1500 ~

Food: _____

Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

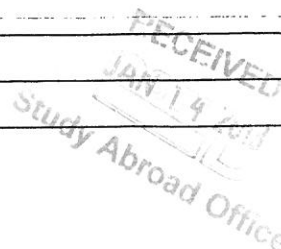
Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

- 3 levels of Spanish courses, small class sizes
- mostly american students w/ some europeans
- professors are very interactive
- exams are easy if you study

Housing:

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

- Host family - great experience
- kind of like being in high school again
- laundry, cleaning, food taken care of



On-site Organization:

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

great office staff

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

very Basque! most people speak Spanish though.

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

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Scilly, Ireland, + Portugal were my favorite countries. very nice people.
Edinburgh, London, Paris are pretty badass

Social or Other Comments

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

Take more Spanish.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

- matured a good deal
- more independent

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Program Sponsor: UIUC Study Abroad
Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
Location: Bilbao, Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: English & Spanish Did you take courses in your major? NO

Courses taken abroad:

Spanish 2, Culture and Politics in Contemporary Spain

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

Total Cost: \$11,000

Program Fee/Tuition: \$6200 & \$300

Accommodation: included in tuition

Food: included in tuition

outside food: 100 Euros

Books/Supplies: \$ 34 Euros

Airfare (from): \$1800

Travel: 300 Euros

Toiletries/Misc.: \$2000

spending money

Academic Experience:

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

I took 2 courses which was ~~around 2000~~ 7 credit hours.

The workload was an average summer class that one would take over summer.

There was a reasonable amount of homework and exams. There was an even division between Spanish and English, but they encouraged Spanish so we could work on our Spanish.

Housing:

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

I lived in the dorms. The cost was included in my tuition. I really enjoyed living in the dorms because I had my own room and bathroom.

On-site Organization:

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

The on-site director was very helpful and he made sure to plan events for all of us to get to know each other.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

My host institution offered wonderful services and opportunities to get know other students outside the program. It was a great location and everyone was very helpful.

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

~~CRASH~~ I did not participate in any other activities.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

It was about 300 EUROS I went to Barcelona & Madrid. For Barcelona, I went for a weekend with my friends and for Madrid, I was flying back to meet my mom. I also used the metro system in Bilbao on a daily basis.

Social or Other Comments

I enjoyed truly immersing myself into the culture and lifestyle of Spain. I encourage future applicants to try new things, foods, and go places and do things.

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

I wish I would have received more information about what to expect abroad especially in Bilbao, Spain.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

My study abroad experience was a once in a lifetime experience. I created so many memories, visited so many places, and created lifetime friends.

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 Minor: Spanish

Year in School: Jr. (abroad as sophomore)
 Program: Intensive Spanish in Bilbao
 Program Sponsor: SAO
 Institution Name: Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: Semester Spring 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? no (minor)

Courses taken abroad:

SPAN 202 - Business Spanish (EASY)
SPAN 399 - Europe in the World (PRETTY EASY)
SPAN 320 - Culture, Politics + Econ in Contemporary Spanish Society
SPAN 208 - Adv. Spanish Conversation (EASY) (EASY)

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

Total Cost: _____	Books/Supplies: <u>100€</u>
Program Fee/Tuition: <u>13,000 7,000</u>	Airfare (from): <u>1000€ round-trip</u>
Accommodation: <u>4,000 6,000</u>	Travel: <u>1800€</u>
Food: _____	Toiletries/Misc.: <u>500</u>

these are all approx. ...

Academic Experience:

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

Courses - really easy. Classes are M-Th + I only took 12 hours so it was a joke. Great program for people that won't travel all through Europe!
Literally barely got any homework, exams were easy.

Don't worry if you're not good at Spanish, you will be fine.
Get wild, have fun + YOLO!!!

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Housing:

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

I lived in Algorta, a suburb of Bilbao by the beach. Took metro to the city, about 25 minutes. I was w/ a host family - a mom + a 5 year old boy. She was awful + the food was terrible. Fortunately I was always travelling so it didn't really affect my experience overall.

Living by the beach (5 min walk) was amazing, + most kids live out there so it is probably better than living downtown. I would say to stay w/ a host family even though I had a bad host mom. She won't be one again. I'm 100% sure of it.

On-site Organization:

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

The office/faculty @ Deusto were excellent, people are really helpful.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Small, private university. beautiful campus, right on the river across from famous Guggenheim museum. Spanish students were very intelligent, but students in general were quite reserved.

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

- hiking group - good times. Bilbao is on the ocean + has gorgeous mountains.
- Volleyball team - I went to a few vball practices for the actual school team, which was nice + fun, but the skill was quite low so I didn't continue.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Travel AS MUCH AS YOU CAN - Europe has so much to offer! It costs maybe \$300-400 per weekend depending on where you go or how much you spend. I went to: Paris, London, Sevilla, Madrid, San Sebastian, Prague, Barcelona, Cadiz, Rome, Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin, + more! Take advantage of all the awesome cultural opportunities!

Social or Other Comments

I hung out with mostly U of I kids (I didn't know anyone before the program). I had a Spanish tandem/conversation partner + a couple other Spanish friends, but I mostly stuck w/ Americans. I also had a friend from Sweden and Tunisia.

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

talked to people that had been there before - they always can give you the best advice + are specific about it.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

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Program: business
Program Sponsor: SAO
Institution Name: University of Illinois - CU
Location: Bilbao, Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2012

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: english Did you take courses in your major? no

Courses taken abroad: _____

International Business (3 credit)

Spain's Economy in the EU (3 credit)

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

Total Cost: \$7000

Books/Supplies: \$40

Program Fee/Tuition: \$5000

Airfare (from): \$650

Accommodation: _____

Travel: 300 E

Food: \$200

Toiletries/Misc.: 600 E

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 taught in english in small
classrooms. The class work was papers and two
exams. The workload was light.

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Housing:

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

I lived with a host family. Her name was
Rosa Peña and she undoubtedly was the best
person I could have lived with. She was so
helpful and spoke wonderful english.

On-site Organization:

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

They were extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

I liked the small class size and course content.

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

n/a

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I traveled to London (\$500) and Barcelona (\$300).

Social or Other Comments

n/a

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

Kayaked on la Ria.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I loved my host mom. My experience in Bilbao and Barcelona. I wish I could have done a semester program.

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 Program: Intensive Spanish in Bilbao
 Program Sponsor: SAB
 Institution Name: University of Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: Academic year '11-'12

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? Yes
 Courses taken abroad: SPAN 204: Advanced Spanish Grammar, SPAN 228: Advanced Spanish Composition, SPAN 208: Adv Spanish Conversation, SPAN 320: Culture, Politics, & Econ in Contemp. Spanish Society, SPAN 299: Basque Language & Culture, SPAN 202: Business Spanish, SPAN 399: Europe in the World, SPAN 250: Intro to the Analysis of Spanish Lit.

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

Total Cost: \$32,000
 Program Fee/Tuition: 12,675
 Accommodation: 11100
 Food: see above

Books/Supplies: \$300
 Airfare (from): 1200
 Travel: 6000
 Toiletries/Misc.: 1000

Academic Experience:

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

The structure of the courses are very similar to those at UUC. Generally you will have a class MWF or TTh for an hour to an hour and a half. The workload is very light and the teachers don't grade hard. The teachers are very understanding of the complete study abroad experience and are not trying to take up ~~on~~ your weekends or too much of your evenings. All they ask is for you to do the little work they give you and to come to class. The classes I took were all in Spanish, but some of the lower classes will be half in Spanish, half in English. You will have at least two exams per class (including the midterm and final) and a couple essays (1-3 pages generally).

Housing:

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

I stayed with a host family in a beautiful suburb of Bilbao. It was about 15/20 minutes outside of the city center. There is housing in the city and outside as well. Either way it is very easy to get where you need to go. Staying in an apartment is the cheapest, but you still need to pay for food so it can be costly in money + time. Homestay is the second cheapest and all meals are included. For two semesters it was under the estimated \$11100. I would advise if you stay with a family that it is okay to tell

what you do and do not like to eat. They are usually very accommodating.

On-site Organization:

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

The international office and everyone in it is very helpful for any question or concern: class trouble, family trouble, sickness, ect.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

The University was in the perfect location and so beautiful. It is not too big so you don't feel overwhelmed. If you choose to take classes outside of the program the university teachers are generally helpful.

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

The hiking club is fun! Do it! It's not a heavy commitment, you can choose when you want to go.

Travel over Spain, France, Belgium, Ireland, England, Italy, Portugal.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I spent most of my money on travel because I tried to travel as often as I could. Also if you are staying for the year, you will be traveling a lot. For hostels hostelworld.com and hostelbrokers.com. For flights skyscanner.com. Also Cheapest flights are usually easyjet and ryanair (they have a lot of restrictions but are good for weekend or short travel). I probably spent more than I estimated because of winter break so \$6000+. Portugal was my favorite trip.

Social or Other Comments

You should do the tandem partner to practice your conversation skills. Also just go out and don't be afraid to meet new people.

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

Traveled more, met more people, ate more! You will only experience this once so multiply anything you are doing by 100.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Study abroad is an experience I wish never ended. It was the most exciting and influential moment in my life so far.

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Today's Date:

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PEER ADVISING SHEET

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Program: Bilbao, Spain

Program Sponsor: SAO

Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto

Location: Bilbao, Spain

Period of Study: Fall semester

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Major: Global Studies

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? Yes

Courses taken abroad: _____

Europe in the World, Intro to Spanish Literature, Spanish IV Grammar and Conversation, Basque Language & Culture

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

Total Cost: _____ Books/Supplies: 107 Euros

Program Fee/Tuition: _____ Airfare (from): ~\$1,000 roundtrip

Accommodation: _____ Travel: _____

Food: _____ Toiletries/Misc.: _____

Academic Experience:

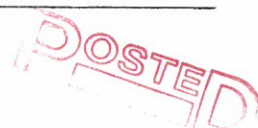
Please describe the structure of courses/internship, grading, workload, exams, amount of foreign language needed to perform required tasks well.

The classes only run Monday-Thursday, giving you ample opportunity to travel on the weekends. The workload and exams are not difficult as long as you are comfortable with Spanish. I was in the language and culture tract so all of my classes were taught in Spanish (but I was also in the highest Spanish level). The teachers (especially Ana & Francisco) are amazing. They are all very understanding about missing school, learning a new language, and being a foreign student. I learned more about Spanish in the semester that I was there than the last 4 years in the U.S. If you want to better your Spanish, this is the program to go to.

Housing:

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

I lived with a homestay mom (Conchi). I highly recommend that everyone live with a family. I didn't meet anyone in my program who disliked their family. Conchi was very understanding about my language skills & she was really good at teaching me the proper ways to say things. Also, her food was delicious!



On-site Organization:

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

The CIDE office was great. They all speak English but they do encourage you to use Spanish with them.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Universidad de Deusto was a private university. The main thing that you need to be aware of is that they don't have a large extra-curricular program like UIUC so it's a little bit harder to get involved.

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

Gomro Tandem Partners is a good program and a great way to meet Spaniards.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Traveling is cheaper than in the U.S. but it's not cheap. The exchange rate kicks your butt a lot faster than you think. I recommend going to Vienna, Austria in the winter (late November/early December) for their Christmas markets.

Social or Other Comments

Be aware, Bilbao is in Basque Country. I highly recommend googling that before you go.

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

Got a job. It's really easy for English speakers to tutor or babysit you just have to put in the effort to look on the website, ask the office, and find something.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying in Bilbao was one of the most rewarding experiences of my entire life. ~~Everyone has~~ I learned more Spanish and about myself than I ever had before.

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Program Sponsor: Study Abroad Office
Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
Location: Bilbao, Spain
Period of Study: Fall 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No
Courses taken abroad: Advanced Spanish Grammar, Advanced
Spanish Composition, Spanish Culture, Service Learning,
Europe in the World

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

Total Cost: about \$15,000
Program Fee/Tuition: \$7,000
Accommodation: \$4,000
Food: _____

Books/Supplies: \$200
Airfare (from): (roundtrip): \$1,800
Travel: \$1,600
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.

The courses were easy compared to UIUC courses.
The professors were fantastic. They were understanding,
always helpful, supportive, and friendly. The workload
was very doable with very little homework daily
(30 mins - 1 hr). There was no class on Fridays.
When you arrive, you take a Spanish exam to
place you in an appropriate level. You can also
choose to take classes in English. This program can
accommodate all Spanish speaking levels.

Housing:

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

I lived with a host family with 3 little boys. It
was by far the best part of my experience. They were
so fantastic. Living with a family is by far the
best option for learning the language and getting
a true cultural experience.

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

The CIDE (International) office was EXTREMELY helpful. They were always there to help with any issue you might have.

Host Institution:**How would you describe your host institution?**

Universidad de Deusto is a beautiful, old, private university conveniently located in the middle of Bilbao.

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

I joined the hiking club and had the opportunity to go on many day-hikes in the surrounding mountains. I also joined the "EkoDeusto" club and did a few environmental volunteer projects.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

I traveled around Spain a good amount. I also traveled to Rome, Florence, Venice, Paris, Dublin, and London. My best travel recommendation is to travel with no more than 3 or 4 people. The more people, the harder it is to agree on anything.

Social or Other Comments**Before I left, I wish I would have...**

...taken more pictures with my host family. I already miss them so much.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

My experience in Bilbao was an eye-opening and life-changing experience. I gained a new perspective on the world as well as independence and confidence. I made life-long friends and did things I will never forget.

Signature: Elaine Gonzalez**Today's Date:** 1/16/12

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Year in School: Senior
 Program: Bilbao Summer 11
 Program Sponsor: SAU
 Institution Name: Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: Summer

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: English Did you take courses in your major? NO
 Courses taken abroad: International business, Economics

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

Total Cost: \$ 8,000
 Program Fee/Tuition: \$6,000
 Accommodation: N/A
 Food: N/A

Books/Supplies: N/A
 Airfare (from): \$ 1200
 Travel: N/A
 Toiletries/Misc.: N/A

Academic Experience:

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

Everything was a moderate amount of material
and difficulty. I learned plenty in this
program.

Housing:

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

Dorms, Single, Keep your windows
open (NO A/C)



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On-site Organization:

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

Very helpful and awesome!

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Great and couldn't have been better.

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

N/A

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Plan travel plans way in advance (costs less)

Social or Other Comments

Don't be afraid to embarrass yourself, everyone will one way or another.

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

Saved more money to stay longer

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

My study abroad experience was more than I could ever ask for. It was the greatest time of my life and I would recommend it to everyone.

Signature:

Jane P. [Signature]

Today's Date:

10-20-11

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Year in School: Senior
Program: Intense Spanish
Program Sponsor: _____
Institution Name: Universidad de Deusto
Location: Bilbao Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? No
Courses taken abroad: Grammar + Translation &
Spanish Literature

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

Total Cost: ~~\$2500~~ \$4000
Program Fee/Tuition: \$2500
Accommodation: 200€
Food: 250 €

Books/Supplies: 40€
Airfare (from): 800 €
Travel: 200€
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.

These classes were taught by ~~the~~ professors who teach during the school year in the US. The workload and grading were that of typical 1 of 1 classes. The exams were good, we got lots of Prep for them. The courses were good. ~~and~~ You need to ~~be~~ know the language to do well in the classes.

Housing:

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

I lived with a family. Maria Barandiaran was my host mom. She was great, good cook and let me do anything I wanted.

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On-site Organization:

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

There was a whole office of staff willing to help us any time.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

The institution was great. Different than anything I had seen structurally. It was a gorgeous campus.

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

I had class during the sports club but I heard it was fun for them.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

A group of friends of mine all went to Logroño. It was a nearby town with a huge vineyard and wine cellar. It was excellent and the whole trip was about 80 €.

Social or Other Comments

I used Skype to talk to my friends and family.

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

~~I~~ Started with more Euros. I would had more fun in Madrid.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I would highly suggest going to Bilbao because its a great city with diverse activities. I ~~had~~ had a great time in Spain and I would recommend it to anyone!

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Year in School: Junior
Program: Bilbao
Program Sponsor: Study Abroad Office
Institution Name: University of Deusto
Location: Bilbao, Spain
Period of Study: Summer 2011

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? Yes
Courses taken abroad: equivalences of:
span 320
span 316
span 252

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

Total Cost: 6500 Books/Supplies: 80 euro ≈ \$86
Program Fee/Tuition: \$5000 Airfare (from): Chicago - \$1400
Accommodation: included Travel: 42 euro ≈ \$60
Food: included Toiletries/Misc.: brought with \$20

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 similar to those in high schools since they meet everyday rather than only a few times a week. Grading was fair and based on homework & exams. Most classes had two exams, a midterm and final, which were not cumulative. Workload was manageable and all of the courses I took were taught entirely in Spanish, but teachers were very willing to explain concepts in English as well.

Housing:

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

I lived with a host family, Beatriz Arnan, in Alameda (a suburb of Bilbao). Do not recommend this family unless you want very little interaction. From my experienced host family is the most authentic choice, and older couples tend to be most welcoming.

On-site Organization:

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

Very helpful and willing and able to provide assistance!

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Very welcoming and tried their best to make all students feel included by providing support and numerous activities to participate in.

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

None!! There was a sports group but I had class during that time.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

all included in program

Social or Other Comments

I loved meeting students from other universities.

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

brought more euros, packed more snacks!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

Studying abroad was a great experience which allowed me to gain more confidence and broaden my horizons to new cultural experiences.

Signature:

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Today's Date:

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Year in School: Junior
 Program: Spanish in Bilbao
 Program Sponsor: SAD
 Institution Name: Deusto
 Location: Bilbao, Spain
 Period of Study: Spring 2011

-- Program Basics --

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

SPAN: Conversation III

SPAN 208

SPAN 252

SPAN 399

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

Total Cost: 12000
 Program Fee/Tuition: _____
 Accommodation: _____
 Food: _____

Books/Supplies: \$200
 Airfare (from): \$800
 Travel: \$4000 (I traveled a lot)
 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.

All classes were spoken completely in Spanish but they were very easy. Great GPA boost. The teachers are understanding and very helpful. The university is beautiful.

Housing:

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

Host family. I lived with a host mom Ana and host sister Sofia. They were amazing. My host mom was a vital aspect of my Spanish improvement and you get a taste of Spanish culture in a unique way. Definitely choose a host family!

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On-site Organization:

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

They were amazing. I never felt confused. There was always someone to help and are very accessible.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

Smaller, beautiful design, a lot of clubs of available and opportunities to meet Spanish students. One of the most prestigious in Spain.

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

Tandem conversation program: you partner with a Spanish student that is learning English. Definitely recommend.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Rome, Florence, Pisa, Dublin, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Seville, Valencia.
~ \$4000-4500
Stay in hostels + pensions or B&Bs, Use Ryan Air & Plan AHEAD!

Social or Other Comments

The study abroad group is very close and so wonderful but definitely make an effort to meet locals.

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

brought an umbrella! and warm clothes, Bilbao is chilly for a month or 2 at first. Make sure to pack light. you'll buy a lot of souvenirs.

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

This trip improved my Spanish by 200%! I met some of my closest friends in the world and experienced cities and cultures that have completely changed me. I'm in love with this program and Spain.

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Year in School: senior
 Program: SAO Intensive Spanish in Bilbao
 Program Sponsor: CIDE
 Institution Name: University de Deusto
 Location: Bilbao
 Period of Study: Summer 2010

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: Spanish Did you take courses in your major? no
 Courses taken abroad: Introduction to Hispanic Literature
Spain in Europe

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

Total Cost: ~~\$7,167.00~~ \$7,167.00 Books/Supplies: 50 euros
 Program Fee/Tuition: ~~\$4,417~~ \$4,417 Airfare (from): \$1,000-2,000
 Accommodation: \$600.00 (included in program fee) Travel: RECEIVED
 Food: total = \$700.00 Toiletries/Misc.: SEP 16 2010

Academic Experience:

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

An extensive knowledge of Spanish is helpful yet not entirely necessary. I would suggest the student has taken Spanish at the university level, especially classes involving ample amounts of conversation. Both courses were typical lecture style classes. In the literature class, students were expected to read novellas, write essays, and analyze poetry all in Spanish, which can be quite time consuming depending on your level of Spanish. There was solely a final exam in my Spain in Europe class, and a final in the other class as well. The workload was a bit heavy considering we only had a month but doable if the student is confident in all aspects of their Spanish ability.

Housing:

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

I lived with a host mom in Gesto, a short metro ride outside Bilbao. Loved every minute, the food was amazing and I lived with an amazing older lady. If you want complete cultural immersion - live with a family! If you want more independence - live in the dorms. The cost was simply the

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initial fee I paid to the program to live with my mom, nothing more.



On-site Organization:

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

The onsite staff in the program (CIDE), are very accessible and helpful. They have their own office at the university which students can stop by at any time for help.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

The institution was amazing with a long, outstanding academic history. The university itself is gorgeous and set right in the city of Bilbao by the river - AMAZING!

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

Weekly there were sport teams that played various games. We were also taken on an excursion by the school where we canoed down a river that led to a beach.

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

Travel can be as expensive or as cheap as you want. The farther you go - the more expensive. You can spend as little as 20 euros or as many as 200 euros in a weekend, it all depends. Always research and book online if you can - easier and often times is cheaper this way.

Social or Other Comments

The people of Bilbao are generally very welcoming and loved Americans, and the overall atmosphere is very relaxing and festive.

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

Practiced more Spanish!!!

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I had a truly amazing time in a beautiful location with friendly people, great food, and a truly unique culture.

Signature: Ashley Turk

Today's Date: 9/15/10

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Program: BILBAO-SPAIN
Program Sponsor: WUIC
Institution Name: UNIV. OF DEUSTO
Location: BILBAO, SPAIN
Period of Study: SUMMER

-- Program Basics --

Language of Instruction: SPANISH Did you take courses in your major? YES.
Courses taken abroad:
CULTURA Y CIVILIZACIÓN ESPAÑOLA = SPAN 301
LITERATURA ESPAÑOLA DEL S. XX = SPAN 450 OR 452
(AUDITED MÉTODOS DE ENSEÑANZA DEL ESPAÑOL)

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

Total Cost: \$10,341
Program Fee/Tuition: \$3,507
Accommodation: \$1000
Food: OUTSIDE OF HOME STAY: \$100

Books/Supplies: \$20 PER CLASS
Airfare (from): \$1300 (ROUNDTRIP) - D'HARE MADRID
Travel: \$33-100
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.

ALL SPANISH IN CLASSES. PLACEMENT TEST WAS LENGTHY AND A BIT CHALLENGING, BUT SEEMED TO PLACE KIDS IN THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL/CLASSES. WORKLOAD/EXAMS WEREN'T STRESSFUL - ADEQUATE FOR SUMMER PROGRAM. GRADING WAS FAIR TO GENEROUS.

Housing:

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

LIVED WITH A HOST FAMILY AND LOVED THEM. \$1000 WHICH IS - I BELIEVE - WHAT KIDS PAID IN THE FORMS. IF YOU'RE HESITANT BECAUSE YOU'RE A PICKY EATER - I WAS - PUT IT ASIDE AND GO FOR IT. THEY UNDERSTAND AND WON'T BE OFFENDED IF YOU TRY THINGS YOU DON'T LIKE.

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I ENDED UP LIKING ALMOST EVERYTHING!

On-site Organization:

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

CIDE STAFF WAS SO AWESOME AND PEARLILY AVAILABLE.

Host Institution:

How would you describe your host institution?

VERY COOL BUILDING, NICE CLASSROOMS.

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

NONE

Travel (Include costs, destinations, and any recommendations)

TOOK BUS TO SAN SEBASTIAN - €13? AWESOME BEACHES
FLEW TO BARCELONA AFTERWARDS €112 (ONE-WAY)

SOME KIDS TOOK BUS TO SOUTH OF FRANCE AND LOVED IT (€17)

Social or Other Comments

I WENT ON SCHEDULED, BUT OPTIONAL, OUTINGS W/ SPANISH STUDENTS - FUN AND GOOD PRACTICE FOR SPEAKING SPANISH

Please summarize your study abroad experience in two or three sentences

I FELL IN LOVE W/ SPAIN AND BILBAO. I WISH I HAD STUDIED THERE FOR A SEMESTER OR YEAR. I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO GO BACK.

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

TRY EVERYTHING, DO EVERYTHING, USE COMMON SENSE AND DON'T SPEND TIME WORRYING ABOUT LOST LUGGAGE OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT MIGHT PUT A DAMPER ON THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE.

Signature:

Kelsey Fletcher-Brown

Today's Date:

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