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Alexa’s Major: Zoology and Spanish

Term Abroad: Fall

Academics: During the fall semester, students take classes at CEGRI (International Center of Higher Education), which is a school specifically for this program. All of the teachers were experienced in teaching international students and were very accommodating of individual needs. There were only 35 students total in my program, which meant that class sizes were small, usually ten students in each.

Advice for Students Considering Study Abroad: I would definitely recommend my program to other students. I really enjoyed the small classes and the intimacy of the program because I got to know all of my classmates and teachers. Spain is a great host country because it has such a strong culture and great traditions. However, if you choose the Granada program, keep in mind that you are only in class with your group members from the U.S., not with Spanish or other European students.

Granada as a Second Home: Granada is definitely like a second home to me now. I realized this when someone on the street asked me how to get somewhere, and I knew exactly where it was and how to explain it to them in Spanish. It also hit me right before I was coming home. I realized that I would have to readjust to the way we do things in the U.S., especially the difference in schedules, because I was so used to the Spanish style of life.

Most Memorable Moment: The greatest learning experience was living with my host family. That experience truly enhanced everything I learned at school as well as taught me a great deal about the Spanish culture and lifestyle. It was the aspect that I was most nervous about before I arrived, but in the end, I can’t imagine doing a study abroad program any other way.

“Enjoy every minute of your time abroad! You are only there for a short amount of time, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”