Colten Schmidt

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Colten’s Major: Psychology

Program: UW Spanish Language in Costa Rica (Winter Session)

Academic Life: The classroom experience was very intensive and hands on. There were only 4 students (all from Madison) in the class, and the professor gave us lots of individual attention. She was great at teaching and helping us to improve our Spanish.

Second Home: Costa Rica has my heart. My host family treated me like one of their own and I have built a great bond with them, and with many of the local people I came into contact with while I was there.

Travel: Our group went to see a volcano, to the beaches and more! I loved being with the other program students on the outings and excursions we went on.

Advice for students considering the San Jose program: This program is extremely beneficial to anyone who wants to learn about the world and immerse themselves in a Spanish-speaking culture to become fluent in the language.

“Studying in Costa Rica showed me that there are so many ways to live your life.”

Colten Schmidt spent his winter break studying Spanish language in Costa Rica.