LEGON, GHANA

Lisett Roman

Lisett’s Major: Secondary Education in English

Program: CIEE in Ghana, Fall

Academic Life: The classes through the CIEE program were challenging and comfortable and with only my CIEE peers. These classes, such as Intercultural Communication and Dance 101, helped me analyze my feelings in Ghana. Intercultural communication class was a time when I allowed myself to really reflect on who I was and who I was becoming in Ghana. At the actual University I took two different level English courses. I took British Literature 223; the readings were not very difficult and the lecturer only assigned one essay and one final. I took an upper level English course, African Poetry 437, by myself and it was a really great experience. The professor was really passionate about his subject. The professor’s name was Mawuli Adjei and I recommend any of his classes. I also recommend taking upper level university of Legon courses on your own so that you can make many friends and learn from one another.

How Study Abroad Changed Lisett: Study abroad has changed the way I think about myself. I used to think that when I failed it was because I was dumb or stupid. These thoughts often repeated in my head and prevented me from moving forward with other challenges. These thoughts don’t fill my mind anymore and I believe in myself so much now. I don’t hold on to negativity as often and I find myself happier because of it.

Study Abroad and Lisett’s Future Aspirations: In Ghana, there were many things that occurred that prevented plans from transpiring, because of this we adapted. Studying abroad has helped me become more adaptable to what occurs. It helps me see things differently and not just negatively. It has really helped pushed me to do something about what is affecting me but without overstepping my boundaries. I have learned how to step in and give my opinion and also hold my tongue.

“I knew that my attitude about myself and what I could do was changing.”