**Program:** John Cabot University, Spring

**Devon’s Majors:** African American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies Certificate

**Academic Life:** One of the great things about being a study abroad student at John Cabot University is that you don’t have any prerequisites for courses. I was able to take courses that would have been impossible for me to take at UW, like my Investigative Journalism course or my Screenplay Writing course. The classroom setting varied depending on the class, and the goal that the teacher had set. Most of my classes were discussion based classes, which suited my learning style best. There were a mix of students in all of my class. I was taking classes with students from my home university, students from the host country, students who majored in the subject, and students from around the world! All of my professors were very passionate about the subject material that they were teaching.

**Most Memorable Moments:** As I look back on my time abroad what I remember the most was the Latin Dance class that I took. Every Tuesday and Thursday my friends and I would head to the John Cabot gym and practice salsa, bachata, and merengue with our awesome dance instructor, Luigia! We’d all hangout after class and just talk about a bunch of different things from our experiences abroad to current events back home. It was a great, little, unexpected surprise. I made new friends, felt immersed in a bunch of different cultures, and expanded my playlist to include some amazing music that I can dance to.

**Tips for Someone Considering Studying Abroad:** I wish that I had made the effort to get out of my comfort zone sooner than I did. Once I started opening up more and allowing myself to be uncomfortable, my study abroad experience only got better. Don’t close yourself off from having amazing experiences. Establish/find your comfort zone and then get away from it as quickly as possible!

“Everywhere that I traveled I made an effort to try something new.”

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**Devon in St. Peter’s Square, Vatican City, in Rome.**

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