Marcie’s Majors:  Art, Communication Arts with a European Studies Certificate

Program:  CIEE Advanced Liberal Arts & Liberal Arts in Seville, Spring

Academic Life: The program began with a two-week intensive session which covered Spanish history, information about living in Seville, and grammar review. After that, I enrolled in a class at the program center and three classes at the University of Seville. The classes that I enrolled in were just for study abroad students, so the professors were able to spend more time making sure we understood the concepts. I took classes on Spanish film, art history, and Spanish terminology. The classes were structured a little differently in Seville than they are at UW-Madison, as the only graded work that I did was a midterm and final, and maybe a project or paper, for each class.

Advice for Someone Considering a Program in Seville:  Seville was a perfect place to experience Spanish culture. The city is not so big as to be overwhelming, but still offers a lot to see and do. There are many huge celebrations here, like the Semana Santa Holy Week celebration and the Feria festival, which are fun ways to learn about Spanish culture. I also felt completely safe in Seville, and the people were so friendly.

What Sets Marcie Apart: Because I studied abroad, I have acquired knowledge about many different subjects and experiences that I have encountered while in Spain. It has also made me more sensitive to different cultures. I also have improved problem solving skills, as even the simplest things can become a challenge while living in a foreign country. Study abroad has made me more independent. Although I had friends, program staff, and a host family to offer support while abroad, there were many challenges that I was able to overcome on my own while I was abroad.

“Through studying abroad, I learned that I can make it on my own.”