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Christin’s Majors: International Business–Latin America & Marketing

Academic Life: Part of the reason I chose the Argentina program was so that I would take all of my classes in Spanish. This drastically improved my Spanish skills and challenged me daily. I took courses pertaining to Argentine culture, literature, history and economics and I enjoyed them all!

Living with a Host Family: The best part of my study abroad was living with a host family. I lived with a 38-year-old mom and her triplet 7-year-old daughters and it was amazing. Whether it was from listening (and dancing!) to Spanish music, playing games or eating our three hour long dinners, my language skills developed and my relationship with my family solidified. We still talk daily!

Cultural Differences: One of the most surprising parts of living in Buenos Aires was how much I was touched. “Besos,” or kisses on the cheek, are how you greet and say goodbye to everybody no matter the relationship. Lots of people held hands while they walked and personal space virtually didn’t exist. Although this was bizarre at first, it was stranger when I returned and realized how much we don’t touch in the United States!

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