

FLORENCE, ITALY

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Program: UW in Florence, Spring

Chanel's Majors: Social Welfare, Sociology

Academic Life: The class sizes for the program in Florence are a lot smaller than what I am used to at UW-Madison. It ranged from about 10-20 students, giving students a lot of opportunity to engage in classroom discussions with their classmates and their professor. In terms of academic difficulty, it was pretty similar to the workload I received back on campus at UW-Madison. Make sure you reach out to your professors for sources in writing papers.

Housing: I lived in an apartment with three other students right in the heart of all the tourist attractions in Florence. It was located across the street from the old Medici Palace and kitty-corner from the famous Uffizi Gallery. There were cobble stone roads and street kiosks selling goods every day!

Impact of Study Abroad: I don't think study abroad changed me as much as people expected it to. I think I've gained new perspectives, become a better traveler, and have learned things about myself, but I still feel like same old me.

Advice for Someone Considering Florence: Be open minded and go to all the events CET offers. It's a great way to meet your peers and experience much of the Italian social life!

On Travel: I learned that I don't like traveling in large groups. I'd say the biggest I'd like traveling with is 3-4 people. Try traveling alone! It can be intimidating at first, but after your first time you'll be surprised at how much you get to see and do on your own!



Chanel at the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

“I absolutely enjoyed the class trips! It was awesome to get to learn outside of the classroom as well!”

