Program: International Internship Program, Spring

Jeremy’s Majors: Community & Nonprofit Leadership, Global Health, Gender & Women’s Studies

Interning Abroad: My internship took place at the United States Embassy to the United Nations Agencies in Rome. I worked on researching and creating reports on Antibiotic Drug Resistance (AMR), which is the resistance of bacteria to antibiotics. President Obama deemed AMR a National Security Priority in September of 2014, and tasked U.S. Agencies with combating AMR which affects over 500,000 people worldwide each year (23,000 Americans each year). I interviewed U.S., United Nations, and United Nations member states officials from around the world to gather what is being done on the issue. The reports I made were for our Ambassador, and I wrote a cable (Department of State news piece) on AMR that was sent out to all U.S. embassies and to Washington D.C. I also worked in the Embassy to Italy section for a couple of weeks on anti-terrorism efforts.

Career and Major Relevance: My internship was directly related to my interest in international aid work and my degree (Nonprofit Management and Global Health). I gained great insight on how international aid organizations work through working with the United Nations, and spearheaded a global health project on AMR. Study abroad has helped me solidify my career choice in an international field. I look forward to working in the international development and humanitarian aid area.

A Learning Experience: I learned that I am able to just jump into things, be flexible and resilient in rapid change, and adapt easily. Working with the Department of State required me to work in a fast-paced environment and jump right in. I believe this helped prepare me to be adaptable and ready to go in a totally new environment.

“Study abroad will be an advantage for me in future career aspirations, giving me experience in an international arena.”

Jeremy at a United Nations Council meeting with officials around the globe.