Program: UW CALS Colaboracion Ambiental: Ecological Restoration, Climate Change & Water Stewardship, Summer

Jorgo’s Major: Biochemistry

Academic Life: The classroom was doing fieldwork and hands-on learning in Granada and Leon. Every day we went out and learned new things about the environment, global health, and health policy throughout Nicaragua. The other students in the class ranged from international students to Madison locals, all with an interest in environmental health.

Program Insights: I believe this experience truly showed me a new way to look at the world. It has made me more aware of culture and society, and the effects that has on health issues. It has also changed the way I look at the environment and how much of a difference it makes. There were a lot of issues (especially with global health work) that I would’ve never even considered if it wasn’t for this program.

Advantages of Fieldwork Abroad: Through planning and talking about our fieldwork, I learned a lot about global health and the best way to execute global health projects. You not only learn from your fieldwork, but you learn from the culture and area. Fieldwork abroad is the best way to get a taste of what global health work is truly like. This helped me get a sense of how public health works, and how I could positively contribute to it.

Tips for Future Participants: Have an open mind and be ready to learn a lot in a short amount of time. It ends before you know it, so make the most out of your time there. It’s definitely an incredible experience that will open your eyes to global health policies and immerse you in global health work. It has been one of the most amazing experiences and one I’ll never forget.

“This experience has helped me narrow my career interests and goals.”

Jorgo Lika

NICARAGUA, GRANADA

Jorgo, pictured here at a fort that protected Granada from pirates.