

GRANADA, SPAIN

HOLLI HARMS

Program: UIUC Spanish Studies in Granada, Fall

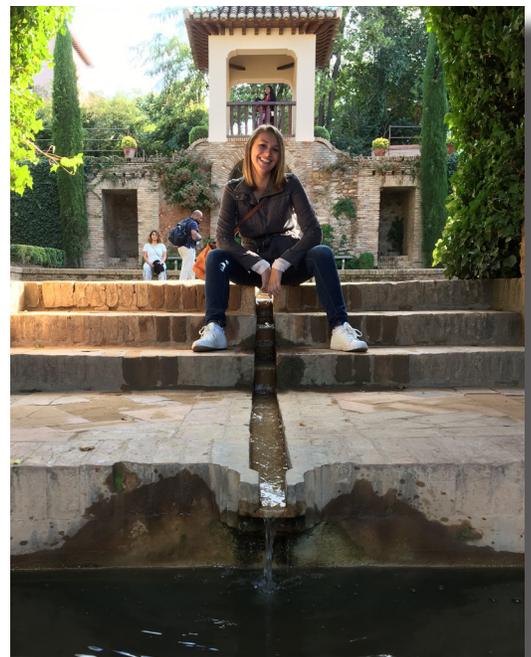
Holli's Major: Elementary Education

Academic Life: During the fall semester I took 5 classes, all taught in Spanish with professors who were native Spanish speakers. The school is designed for students from the United States. Classes each consisted of about 4-15 students. Because of the small class sizes, the teachers are able to offer a lot of help and support to each student and the students are able to use the language a lot more than they would in a large lecture style class.

Housing: I lived with a local host family. It allowed me to be fully immersed in both the Spanish language and culture and I was able to learn so much more outside of the school setting. My host family was so welcoming and really made me feel as if I was at home when I was with them.

Advice for Someone Considering Granada: This program really allows you to have an immersive cultural experience. You have the opportunity to learn so much from your classes and host family, and have the independence to explore what life is like in Spain on your own. Granada offers a variety of things to do, from hiking in the Sierra Nevada mountain range to spending time along the Mediterranean coast with your friends, there is really something for everyone!

Benefits of Study Abroad: As an Elementary Education major, studying abroad will be so beneficial to my future. Living in another part of the world has made me more aware of different cultures and ways of life and that will be important to keep in mind when working with a diverse group of students in the future. I have learned to be more flexible and communicative and I think those are great skills to have no matter what career you are pursuing.



Holli at the Alhambra in Granada.

“Study abroad allows you to learn about yourself and how you handle different situations.”

