

GRANADA, SPAIN

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Program: UIUC Spanish Studies in Granada, Summer

Jacob's Majors: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Spanish

Academic Life: In Granada, I took 9 credits of classes in a small school in the historic center of the city. The classes were about literature, Spanish culture, and Arab/Islamic studies. All three of my classes were taught entirely in Spanish by local instructors. Each class had around 10-20 students who were all from Madison, Illinois and Indiana. Classes were often taught outside of the classroom. We would go to the market to try local cuisine or visit historical sites around the city.

Most Memorable Moment: The first day in Granada, a group of us decided to explore the area around our hostel. Without the internet or a map, we soon got lost in the maze of cobble-stoned streets. Everywhere we looked, there were buildings older than anything we had ever seen before. We ended up on a hill that had an amazing view of the city.

Housing: While in Granada I lived with a host family. At first, I was nervous about living with strangers for nearly two months, but I felt like I was a part of the family within a couple of days. My host family was energetic and really encouraged me to spend time with them. After a long day of classes, it was nice to have a meal and chat with my host family. Talking with them every day also greatly improved my Spanish.

Tips for Other Students: If you want a truly Spanish experience, you can't go wrong with Granada. My one tip is to try to speak in Spanish as much as you can while abroad. This is especially true with your classmates. It might be tempting to speak with them in English, but you'll be missing out on an opportunity to improve your Spanish.



Jacob visiting the Mirador de San Nicolás.

“Granada does have well-known aspects of Spanish culture but it also offers so much more!”

