

GRANADA, SPAIN

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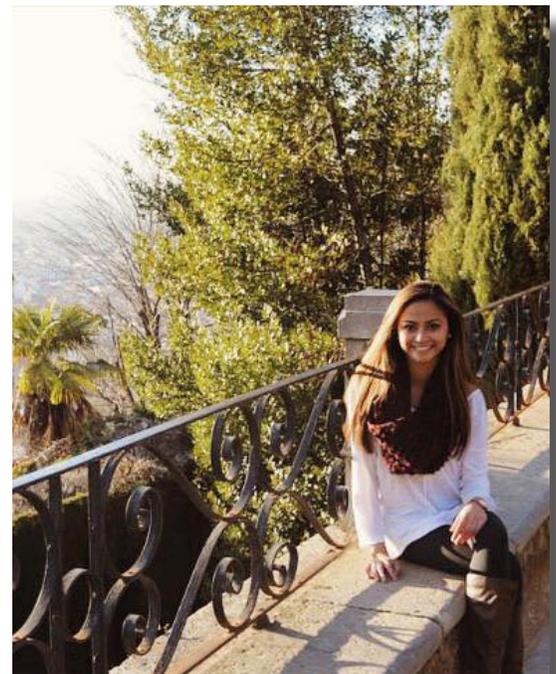
Kayla's Majors: Communications Arts, Spanish, and a Certificate in Business

Academic Life: Our program was at a language school for all the students in our program. I took 4 classes and each class was around 25 students or less. My classmates were all students from the program. Spanish professors taught our classes and the classes were taught completely in Spanish.

Living in Granada: Granada is an absolutely beautiful city. It wasn't too big of a city, but it still had everything I needed. There also wasn't a lot of English spoken, so those who were looking to practice their Spanish found it great for that. I loved that everywhere you needed to go, you could walk or take the bus. The people were also extremely friendly. Granada has such a variety of landscapes, from the mountains to the beaches.

The Homestay: One of my most memorable experiences from my time abroad was my first day with my host family. They were extremely welcoming and had such open hearts that I immediately felt a part of their family. They were very helpful and understanding from the beginning. We even went for tapas right after we dropped my things off at the house. It was a great way to relax and start to get to know each other.

A Learning Experience: This experience has taught me a lot about cultural understanding and also independence. I have had the chance to experience an entirely different lifestyle and culture, which has given me a new perspective on the world. It has also taught me a lot about responsibility and independence since I was away from my friends and family for four months.



Kayla in the Carmen de los Mártires gardens on the grounds of the Alhambra in Granada.

“Granada really has everything you’re looking for in a place to study abroad.”

