Anna’s Major: Spanish

Program: WIP Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Academic Year

Academic Life: Taking classes at the Complutense was very challenging but also very rewarding for me. I was able to learn and take classes along with other Spaniards which gave me the opportunity to really excel in advancing in the Spanish language.

How Study Abroad Changed Anna: Studying in Spain and being able to travel throughout Europe has definitely changed me. After coming back I noticed myself a lot more aware of my surroundings and paying closer attention to details. Being able to have the opportunity to go and visit some of the most famous places in the world has definitely done that to me, seeing as though I tried to soak up as much of those moments as possible. Spaniards are very relaxed and calm most of the time. I have noticed that I’m doing a lot of things at much slower pace than normal, and at times I do tend to have that carefree attitude towards what I’m doing, almost as if I’m just living more in the moment now than I was doing before study abroad.

Tip for Students Considering Study Abroad: The one tip that I would give to someone who is considering my program would be to really give it your all. You really need to put yourself in positions where you’ll be forced to use your Spanish and get involved in the Spanish culture as much as possible, because if you don’t you’ll most likely regret it and won’t get as much out of the experience as you can.

“I have gone days without speaking a word of English, which is something that I am proud to say.”