Program: WIP Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Fall

Cheyenne’s Major: Spanish

Academic Life: The academic and classroom experience at Reunidas was very rigorous. The courses were taught by various professors that were experts in their fields. A lot of classes provided information in a classroom setting, as well as information outside by allowing us to go on excursions. All of these classes taught about the culture and society of Spain in some way and included only American students. Their structure was very different than that of a UW-Madison course.

Housing: I lived in a more quiet area of Madrid. It was one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, which gave it character. There were a lot of families and much less traffic than living downtown. My apartment was situated in the same building as a religious convent, which made it very comfortable and safe.

Advice To Someone Considering Study Abroad: I would say that you need to make sure that you are someone who has great time management skills. It can be challenging to want to do and see everything in a foreign country and study at the same time.

How Studying Abroad Has Changed Her: Studying abroad has made me realize my likes and dislikes. It has made me become a more honest person, in that I am more sure of what I want in life, as well as what I want in my future.

“I think that life is relatively short, and that it is important to explore as much of the world as possible if given the chance.”