



“I think one of the greatest things you can do for your self confidence is to place yourself in a totally new life and watch how you grow and make the most of it.”

Alejandra's Semester Abroad

What did you learn outside of the classroom?

I think one thing that I have taken into my own personality and the French style of arguing. We studied it in my classes while in Rennes, but I feel it went far beyond just a classroom discussion. The French believe in agreeing to disagree and that a disagreement does not need to be personal. I have learned to listen to other, different, opinions and feel unbothered by our disagreement and also how to listen to someone else and understand what they are truly trying to convey.



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More about Alej:

- Major: French & German
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- Program: CIEE Rennes, France Fall 2016

Academic Challenges

Before I went to France I was not very confident in my French writing skills. I was worried that my grades would be affected by this. With the help of my professors and even my peers, I was able to learn to write more eloquently and more fluently. By the end of my semester, I was very proud of my improvements and my grades reflected that I had made large strides of improvement.

One thing I wish I knew before traveling abroad:

I wish I knew how many opportunities can be found within four months. It's not a rushed vacation, it's your time and your life. I developed a new persona and a new life abroad, that I managed on my own and I made the most of it. But, above all else, I learned to have confidence in myself & to know that whatever may happen, I will make it to tomorrow.



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More about Alej's experience...



Alejandra says: "If you're thinking about it, you definitely want to do it. It's like jumping into a cold pool. You know you want to, and you know it'll be great but you're just a little nervous before you hit the water."

