



“I cannot imagine my life without the experiences I had while abroad. It contributed to my academic and personal growth and I made life-long friends.”

Michaela's Semester Abroad

What are the benefits of studying abroad?

In my opinion, the greatest benefit received from studying abroad is the personal growth you experience from this new form of independence. Having to fly to a new country by yourself where you might not know the language is a challenge, but once you do it you will not regret it. Studying abroad gives you the opportunity to meet so many people, experience new food, culture and visit places in and around your host country.

More about
Michaela:

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- Concentration : Conflict and Resolution Studies
- Program: Pablo Olavide, Seville, Spain
Spring 2017

Academic Challenges

Upon arrival in Spain, the language was the most challenging for me. My host mom spoke no English so I had to communicate with her in Spanish. I also took a two week intensive course that challenged me and made me a better speaker. It is impossible to live somewhere without learning the language so the best way to learn was to try and speak it whenever possible and learn from those around me.

What were the highlights of your experience?

I got to attend a European “futbol” game which was an amazing experience filled with so much energy. Also one of my favorite weeks in Spain was “La Feria”, a week long fair where I got to dress in the traditional Spanish flamenco dresses and learn to dance with some of the natives of Seville. The culture in Spain is incredible!



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Deadlines: October 1 for spring term
March 1 for fall or full-year

More about Michaela's experience...



Places Michaela traveled while abroad:

Madrid, Spain

Fussen and Munich, Germany

Brussels and Bruges, Belgium

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Rome, Naples, Positano, Italy

Lagos, Portugal

Other Spanish cities!

