

Dakota Snustad // Spain

How did you find out about this program?

I found out about the program in Toledo by checking out the study abroad center's website and searching for different programs. Their website has a ton of information on every program that the U of M offers, and it helped me to plan and find the right program for me. I also heard a lot about my program by talking to some of my friends who had studied in Toledo in the past and loved it.

What did you learn or gain from your time abroad?

During my study abroad experience, I learned what it is like to experience a different culture, and I also learned a lot about myself. It was really interesting to be thrown in a new schedule and be introduced to different ways of doing things, and I think as a result of my experience in Spain, I am more confidant, patient, creative, and outgoing than I was before. It was a great experience to be pushed outside of my comfort zone and be a foreigner in another country, try new foods, explore places I have never been to before, and learn about Spanish culture from my professors, friends, and my host family. During my time in Spain I also greatly improved my Spanish speaking skills, and was even able to complete an internship at one of the local hospitals in Toledo.

Student Scoop

Major: Microbiology and Spanish

On what was the most interesting food he tried:

I think the most interesting food that I tried during my time in Spain was a "bocadillo de calamares" or a fried squid sandwich. It looked like a roll of bread stuffed with what looked like union rings, but each ring was actually squid, or calamari. Calamari has an interesting chewy texture and a slightly fishy taste, but I love seafood, so I thought it was delicious.



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