

Major: Apparel Product Design

Future: Fashion internship in London, Fall 2012

Why did you choose to study in Paris ?

Paris is the study abroad program geared toward Fashion, and, for Fashion students, Paris is the place to be.

Also, to go as a junior APD major was really nice because it corresponded well with our coursework. As a junior, we are working on the design process, from start to finish.

Favorite excursion:

I loved visiting the Musee d'Orsay because it wasn't too much to handle for one day. You could walk through the whole museum and feel content that you saw everything important.

“Paris opened my eyes to the fact that there's a lot more out there and there are a lot of opportunities.”

Paris as a second home:

I liked it because, as I'm becoming more mature, I'm becoming more reserved and that's how Paris is. I still live at home, so this was my first “on my own” experience. You had to really take responsibility for yourself.

Academics:

It's more workshop based and more experimental, but I enjoyed that it was so versatile. I was also able to make a strong enough connection with our instructors in Paris that I felt I could e-mail them afterwards.

Impact of study abroad:

It was interesting to relate what I saw in Paris to my history and art history classes. In my History of Costume class, we knew the places that were being discussed. My professor talked about Madame Gres, and I had learned some of her techniques. It's nice to be able to relate what I know to what I saw in Paris.



Brenda stands on the observation deck of the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs-Élysées with the Eiffel Tower in the background.