

**Major:** Business

**Program Provider:** Academic Programs International

### Why did you choose Madrid ?

My dad wanted me to go somewhere that he had connections, and an old friend of his lives in Madrid. I stayed with my Dad's friend and his family on the weekends. I have so many more cousins now in Spain!



**Housing:** Carole and I stayed in a residencia with just 14 people. We were in a very central area of Madrid. Three meals a day and laundry service was also included.



Nicolette in the Plaza Mayor in central Madrid.

*“ Study abroad is a lot easier than people think it is.  
If you plan it out, it’s do-able.  
The process of going for the visa is hard, but it’s all worth it in the end.”*

**Academics:** Going to a different school with different teachers definitely helped me to appreciate the States. I had the best teachers over there. They were really enthusiastic, and I really enjoyed the learning. My Business Ethics professor was a lawyer in Spain and she often brought in examples from her experiences all over Europe. In my Art History class, we had lectures on Monday and visited museums on Wednesdays.

### Biggest Cultural Difference:

Spain is very eco-friendly, and there's so much culture, but their economy is very bad right now. You get to realize how much better it is here in the States, even though people here are also worried about the economy. Everyone over there is a lot more conscious about everyone's situation.

### Benefits of a full semester abroad:

The biggest benefit is that you have enough time to get acclimated. It takes about 2-3 weeks to get acclimated to the city, so after the first month, I felt comfortable. There was also more time to explore the culture. We had weekend excursions to Granada and Salamanca, day-trips to Toledo and El Escorial, and even an international excursion to Rome.