

Hill Summer Study Abroad Testimonial

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What was special about the university you attended abroad?

The professors were from all over the world and each brought a unique style of teaching, they all ensured we learned a great deal in the short week we had with each of them.

How did the experience enrich your university education?

I was the only student out of the UoR group to take the add-on French course, this involved 4 afternoons of a 4-hour class period each afternoon. I was fluent in French as a child, and after spending a month in the Country and attending 16 classes with only 3 other students, we were able to have almost a one-on-one teaching experience with the professor and I attained an A2 French Language level quite quickly.

Did the experience change the way you see the world in any way?

Europeans have a vastly different way of life. I even lived in Germany for 4 years but had forgotten just how different it could be. The city is always going, people walk everywhere and dinner time is not until 9pm. However, it all seems so much more civilized and they really know how to enjoy the finer things in life.



Did the experience influence your thoughts on the importance of diversity in any way?

At IÉSEG we had the opportunity to study with students from all over the world with a graduating class of over 200. In my spare time I studied with Italians, Americans, Brazilians and some French locals. We each brought something different to the table and we were all able to learn from each other and learn about other cultures.

What surprised you about your destination?

It was unbelievably hot in July. Paris was in the middle of a heatwave but for weeks at a time it was above 40 degrees.

Would you recommend the Summer Study Abroad programs to other students? Why?

Definitely, the experience is once in a lifetime and it really did not cost anymore than attending a local University.

What was the biggest highlight from the experience?

Being able to travel on the weekends was an amazing opportunity. You could simply hop on a train and go to Reims for a champagne tour. Or go down to Nice to explore the French Countryside.



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