

THE DRIVE

I choose this project because I have always wanted to study abroad and this program was perfect. I was going to be able to travel across the Atlantic for the first time while also receiving credit to finish my minor in Architectural studies.



IA SCHOLAR INFLUENCE

Being an IA Scholar has taught me the importance of the variety of cultures around the world. The diversity of the world is what makes it so interesting and unique. As an IA scholar I was taught to respect other cultures and I was able to channel that respect into my study abroad experience. Even with the social and political tensions in the world, I was able to see where people find peace every day in their home town. As an IA scholar I was able to see Italy through a lens of acceptance and excitement.



Northern Italy Study Abroad: Modern and Contemporary Architecture

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This study abroad trip was over Spring Break 2017 and counted toward my minor in Architectural Studies. Prior to the trip, I attended a few pre-departure meetings, researched the areas we would be traveling to, learned a little bit of Italian and practiced sketching for the trip. Over spring break a group of 15, including myself, and my advisor traveled to Milan, Genoa, and Ivrea. During the trip, we studied the architecture of the different cities while sketching everything we saw. We looked at both the modern and ancient architecture in each city and drew comparisons. My advisor spent time speaking about the history of each place we visited. She was an abundant source of knowledge, and made the trip extremely intriguing.



THE PROJECT'S IMPACT ON MY LIFE

I will never forget this experience. Not only did it complete my minor in architecture, but it showed me how to enjoy life and taught me lessons I can apply to my everyday life. My instructor for the course was full of so much knowledge and her ability to connect with people inspired me to do the same in my life. On this trip I made amazing friends and saw spectacular places. I also learned the importance of slowing down and taking time to enjoy life. The Italians have a saying, "Dolce far niente," which translates to "The sweetness of doing nothing". I hope to implement this saying into my life and spend time every now and then just being.

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NOTABLE ASPECT OF THE EXPERIENCE

My favorite part of the project was traveling to Italy and being able to take part in everyday Italian life. Some of the cities we went to were smaller; therefore, the tourism was very low. Going to cities where there few tourist walking around is very interesting because I was able to see how the people in the cities live. In Ivrea, we walked around the city around 4:00 pm which is when everyone in the city takes their afternoon walk. It was interesting watching everyone interact and converse. I also enjoyed their way of life. In Italy, coffee to go is unheard of. Eating and drinking in Italy is a social experience and gives people the chance to take a break and simply enjoy life in the middle of the day. I am going to miss that part of their culture the most.