

My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Studying abroad is like finding your old favorite T-shirt.
It's exciting, not exactly how you remembered it (thought
it would be, and then you really appreciate it toward
the end, but you're ready to wear new shirts.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Hydrocortisone cream
2. Tanktops + shorts
3. Shampoo + conditioner
Bigger backpack

What did you miss while abroad?

American Tacos + my car

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Shoes
2. Exercise clothes
3. Too many duplicates of clothes

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Good bread + pastries everywhere

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email)?

I recommend video calls because they're the most
like real life. Also recommend sending text messages in Spanish
to your Spanish speaking homies.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Parque de Federico García Lorca, "I need coffee", San Miguel ^{outlook},
el piano, bicuri, the horchatería across from plaza nueva, Malamiya,
Lemonade

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be respectful of the house rules and be aware of
cultural differences during conversation. Eat every meal
you can at home and always help when you can.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought hot sauce she doesn't like spicy things.
I'd recommend a mug.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>0</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>\$250</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>\$50</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>\$5</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>\$50</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>50</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>\$49</u>
	\$ <u>424</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Both, the harder I tried to stick to a budget the
more I seemed to spend

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Debit and credit cards. For the most part, I'd
recommend exchanging money in the U.S. and
carrying it.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Keep up with the homeworks and the
readings.

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Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

This semester abroad has been one of the absolute best experiences of my life. My host family, my program, the friends I made, and Granada itself were absolutely perfect. I already can't wait to come back.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. a stylish, but warm jacket
2. shoes with good support
3. an extra pair of glasses

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. a couple pairs of shoes
2. clothes I brought for style, not comfort
3. books (I brought more than I read)

What did you miss while abroad?

my family

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

tapas and getting drinks with friends

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I stayed in touch through phone ~~calls~~ calls, texts, emails, and social media. I would recommend these because they're reliable. Some of the mail I sent got lost.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

My favorite cafes were Noat, I Need, Mucha Miga, and Flamboyant. I loved the Esmeralda Jazz Club for its live shows. The best clubs were Basaba and Granada 10.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would advise completely honest and open communication for even the smallest doubts, dislikes, or anything else.

They are also genuinely there to help you, so ask if you need it. Don't be afraid to let them know the kind of relationship you want with them, whether it's a close one or a more distanced.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought a coffee mug. I would advise something tangible for them to remember you by.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ 10	Cell Phone usage	\$ 80-130	Personal Travel
\$ 0	Internet	\$ 40	Going out
\$ 0	Laundry	\$ 10	Public Transportation
\$ 35	Meals/Groceries	\$ 80	Shopping
			\$ ≈ 275 Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I did not try to stick to a budget. I was certainly surprised by what I spent, but I don't regret it. I saved up money from working for this.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I used a credit card that had no international fees (very important)! I could use it at the BBVA atm's to take out cash. It worked great!

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

My advice would be to say 'yes' to every opportunity. Time flies by and you don't want to leave with regrets. However, at the same time, allow yourself to rest and take time when you need it without feeling guilty. This is an exhausting, but wonderful experience.

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

This experience was somewhat challenging, but very rewarding. I learned a lot more about Spanish culture than I thought I would. This program helped me improve my Spanish fluency tremendously.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. flip flops (to wear in hostels)

1. some of my shoes

2. another winter jacket

2. school supplies (you can buy them here)

3. wall adapter with more than one plug

3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

my family and friends

my host family and plazas

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I used Whatsapp to call and text my friends and family so that I could use my data and not spend money on texts or international calls. (my FaceTime stopped working)

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Favorite coffee shop: La finca

Favorite café: Cafe flores

Favorite park: Carmen de los Martires

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be respectful of house rules and be communicative about your needs.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, candle and honey. This was fine but if I could go back and change this I would bring a magnet or some kind of food to share together.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>200 (not each month)</u> Personal Travel
\$ _____ Internet	\$ <u>50</u> Going out
\$ _____ Laundry	\$ _____ Public Transportation
\$ <u>30</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>20</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>315</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was expecting to spend more, food and drinks are cheaper here. I tried to stick to a budget, which some months worked and others didn't (depending on travel)

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Debit & credit card. This worked well, I just used my credit card until I could take cash out when I got here.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Go into this experience open minded and take advantage of the time you have to travel & explore Granada or Spain if you can.

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

An experience that gets you out of your comfort zone,
A time where you get to learn so much not just of Spain-but
of yourself. A semester that will not easily be forgotten.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Light jackets
2. + jeans
3. towel (beach)

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed driving and authentic mexican food. I will miss being able
to go out for Tapas.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I used whatsapp and social media apps like snapchat
and instagram. I would recommend sticking to phone calls/texts
via whatsapp.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Some of my favorite places are Noat coffee, ~~and~~ Muchamiga,
and AIPqcg (boba).

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would recommend trying to make an effort to fitting
in with their day to day activities.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I didn't bring one but I would have liked too, so I would also advise it.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>N/A</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>20</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>12</u> Internet (25 esim/data)	\$ <u>50</u> Going out
\$ <u>N/A</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>35</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>30</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>142</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised by the amount I spent. I tried sticking to a budget at first but it wasn't always the case.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Initially I brought cash at the beginning of the semester, but after that I used local ATMs (BBVA) to take out cash. There were some transaction fees but it wasn't too expensive.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Enjoy your time while in Granada and try new things, but don't feel bad if you are not doing something or out all the time.

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

It was a tough transition at first, but it did get better. It
was also an incredible experience to live (and travel abroad).
Finally, it was an opportunity to grow as a person by stepping

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More power adapters
2. More pants (not to buy a few)
3. _____

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Books
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed my family 'home'; I'll miss my friends and Granada in
general.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I emailed w/ my grandparents, but texted and called w/ everyone
else. I also think cards are a nice personal message, and
have enjoyed getting ones occasionally.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Mechanica, Malamiya, Los Menudes, Selvaie, Café Fútbol,
Barra Federico García Lorca, La Buena Vida, Flamboyant,
Manaki,

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Talk to them and spend time with them! Also help
out when you can and make sure that they know that
you appreciate them.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes; something small and personal (something that is from your hometown)

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>400</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>50</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>10</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>100</u> Meals/Groceries/ snacks, sipsas	\$ <u>100</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>675/700</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget? per month = ~3500

I was surprised by how much traveling costs. I took two big trips (Punta : Seneca Santa) and those were expensive

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I mostly used my credit card because it doesn't have a foreign transaction fee. It worked well most of the time, but always carry a little cash (20-50) in case you need it.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Be outgoing. I'm an introvert and I know it's hard, but everyone here is in the same boat in terms of being in a brand new place w/ people they don't know. Also, enjoy the daily things (coffee w/ friends, tapes, etc)

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

At first it is a very surreal experience. Very important
to not take moments ~~and~~ and places and
experiences for granted. Enjoy it all!

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More collared shirts
2. More socks
3. Sunglasses

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. some jackets
2. hats
3. school supplies

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed my friends in the US, and now I will miss
my Spanish friends.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I had no service & it was wonderful.
Feels good to disconnect!

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Tapas - Ecu, El Sifón, ROE
Cafe - Cafeteria Flores, Cafeteria Ysla
Bars - El escandolo

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be very open & communicate as much as
you can. And remember that they are there
to help you with anything!

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I did, don't bring food unless you know they'll like it.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>0</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>2,000</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>2,000</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>1,000</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>0</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>0</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>5,000</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I had money saved so I wasn't trying to hard to stick to a budget

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

About 6,000 dollars on my debit card. Usually would take out cash & use that.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Take in every second of your time here, and most importantly, appreciate all the little experiences you have.

Name (optional): _____

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): Lewis & Clark

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Incredibly difficult in unexpected ways. The work load,
though heavy at the beginning, eases down,
it is the living so far from the comforts and styles
of living in the U.S. that really got me.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Warmer clothes
2. more Advil (or prescription meds!)^{allergy meds}
3. ~~allergy medication~~^{books in english}

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Camera
2. ~~more than~~ a few pair of shoes
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

the ways the buildings look,
greenery/outdoor
grassy spaces, food

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Prices of good hearty food and
the walkability of everything

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

phone calls, email, mail, if they can visit that
is also fun

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

cafés: Cafe 4 Gatos ~~in~~ in the Albaicin, Bohemia Jazz,
Noat, I Need Coffee

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Try and be at the meals as much as possible
and if you feel comfortable ask them to
tapas.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought two Spanish poetry books by a popular artist from the states

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ 100 30	Cell Phone usage	\$ 100 100	Personal Travel
\$ —	Internet	\$ —	Going out
\$ —	Laundry	\$ —	Public Transportation
\$ 300 40	Meals/Groceries	\$ 100	Shopping
		\$ 730	Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I tried to stick to \$10 a day which is relatively easy in Granada

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Apple Pay!

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Try solo travel during one of the breaks (and don't get nervous to miss a few school days to travel). Also don't worry if your grades slip a little

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I had a wonderful time abroad. I am generally a shy person and it really gave me the opportunity to get out of my shell and meet new people. I loved being able to travel and experience Spanish culture

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Different pair of converse (they were new and not worn in, hurt my feet)

2. a tote bag

3. more socks

1. nice jewelry (didn't have an occasion for it)

2. school notebooks (just by here)

3. as many shorts (didn't wear them often)

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Family, friends, Mexican food, and access to certain streaming services

The walkability of the city, nightlife, siestas

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I mainly used whatsapp, iMessage and FaceTime. Though, I did send some postcards back home

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Bakeries: Masa Madre, Estapallorale, Club: Basaba, Granada 10

Park: Federico Garcia Lorca

Bar: El continental, Kampecabezis, Wall Street

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would try to engage with them from the start to show that you have an interest in getting to know them. Make an effort to go to the things they invite you to

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought local chocolates (see's candy) and Disneyland dish towels
Advise: pick something local that is small and good for many ages/people

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ 13	Cell Phone usage	\$ 300	Personal Travel
\$ 0	Internet	\$ 35	Going out
\$ 0	Laundry	\$ 5	Public Transportation
\$ 15	Meals/Groceries	\$ 20	Shopping
		\$ 388	Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I'm not a very big spender, so I didn't bother with a budget
Most of my travel money was concentrated on two bigger trips.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I took some Euro with me in cash (as a gift) and also
withdrew some from a bank when I got here. It worked well.
I only had to get more cash once.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Try to connect with your host family right away. Make sure to
keep up with classwork and attendance (don't forget that
you're still going to school), it will sneak up on you at the end.

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

My study abroad experience was truly transformative, I learned so much, met so many new people, and now carry so many valuable lessons with me. I feel so grateful.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Sunscreen
2. A pullover hoodie/sweatshirt
3. Sandals / Flip flops

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. one of my bigger winter coats
2. Clothes I bought for style but never wore while here :-
3. My running shoes

What did you miss while abroad?

All the green trees and my family (ofc)

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Free tapas! + being able to walk everywhere

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I mostly stayed in touch with my family and friends through whatsapp and it was super easy so I would definitely recommend it! Also phone calls worked ^{+ Instagram / social media} :-

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Coffee: La Finca, Kana Specialty Coffee, and I Need for something close to CLM: + for good gelato go to La Abuela :-

Restaurants: El Delirio (Mexican food), Los Manueles (tapas), Good Burger

Shops (clothing): Mosquito for thrifting + Mango has really cute stuff!

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Make conversation at meals :- Ask them about their day and their interests / things they like! Also get them a little souvenir when you travel and birthday gifts! :-

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes! Chocolates are something will love, specifically dark chocolate with sea salt!

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>100-150</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>30</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>6</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>15-20 50</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>20</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>215-265</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I wasn't super surprised by how much I spent; I did go out to eat more than I anticipated, but it's fairly cheap so I didn't really go over budget.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Cash is handy for ^(smaller) cheaper things like food and coffee, but I also had a card and it worked well.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Try not to go in with too many expectations! TAKE it one step at a time and don't get discouraged if things don't always go the way you had hoped. You are going to have a BLAST and are in for such a life changing experience no matter what!

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

My favorite spanish word has always been "aprovechar"; to make the most of what you have and take advantage of it. There are opportunities around every corner here, either in places you can travel to, activities to do, or even in the mundane everyday things like really getting to know your host family. I've done more than in the past 5 months than at any other time in my life, and I still didn't do half of what I wanted to. ~~I go home~~ I'm going home hungry for adventure and

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home: spanish food.

1. more small summer tops (good for short dips when it's hot)
 2. ~~more~~ books that bring me comfort.
 3. copping mechanisms/whatever calms your anxiety
1. the "big" coat (the sweater is layers instead)
 2. _____
 3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

My comfort foods/hugs

Being able to walk everywhere/cheap medical care

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

FaceTime/whatsapp are your friend, just beware that the average wifi here is slower than in the U.S.. Try sending a letter or postcard its fun!

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Eshavira club is an amazing place to see flamenco in the center of town. It has great vibes. Cafe I Need is great for pastries after class and so is cafe Noat!

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Build a relationship of non-defensive curiosity. You will undoubtedly do things that you don't realize aren't acceptable here. So .. give your self some grace and be completely open to hearing them out when they correct you. Don't be afraid to be honest with them if something isn't working for you, or if you feel uncomfortable. They want to help and understand you I promise

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes bring them something from your area. I brought them from Seattle and brought them from ~~the~~ chocolates, smoked salmon and dish towels with printings of my area on them.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>20</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>150</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>—</u> Internet	\$ <u>75</u> Going out
\$ <u>—</u> Laundry	\$ <u>10</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>30</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>25</u> Shopping
\$ _____ Total	

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Yes I was surprised at how much went to small food items I got curious about and decided to try. Yes I sort of stuck to a budget on most things.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I used apple pay on my phone most of the time so I didn't ~~lose~~ lose my cards, but ~~I~~ I also always kept a few bucks on hand.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Make new friends! it's great to find a few people you get along with, but there's no reason to think you can't find more. If you want to go out, someone else will do, you just have to text enough people. I sat at home alone way too often!

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I would describe it as so much more than I could have imagined.
This experience made me learn a lot about myself and others.
Also, has given me connections in Spain I never thought I would have.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Medicine
2. skin care
3. a winter coat

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Some clothing
2. Shoes
3. hair accessories

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed certain foods & drinks. I think I'm gonna miss Spanish nightlife & the friends I've met.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Whatsapp was the main form of contact. It's easier than giving them your Spanish phone number.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Some of my favorite places were Basaba (Ducoteca), Cafeteria
CEROS (Café), Solvaje (Bar), Mosaico (Gift store),
and Memodo Mori (Restaurant)

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would say try and adapt the best you can. Obviously
Obviously they're going to continue to be friendly, so try to adapt to it.
Also, try and learn things about them as people, ask questions!

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought Chocolates from America. I would advise that or something small from your state (magnet or something)

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>50</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ 100 <u>200</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>15</u> Public Transportation
\$ 1500 <u>1500</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>200</u> Shopping
	\$ 900 <u>630</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I tried to stick to a budget but also allowed myself to splurge on trips and things like that.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I used my debit card as well as cash. Never had any trouble with anything.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

I would say try everything. You're only gonna be a college kid living in Spain once, so say yes to everything (cultural reason).

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University (optional): Lewis & Clark College

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I learned a lot about myself and my likes and dislikes.
My Spanish improved as well as my confidence in myself
to adapt to new situations. I feel like a whole other world
has opened up to me.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Tapatillas
2. Desk organizer
3. Fan

1. Uncomfy shoes
2. Many accessories
3. Thermos

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

My family and home

"La Vida en las calles" - lots of people
out and about

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Texting and Facetime calls - they allowed me to
share pictures and hear their voices.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Boogaclub, Dali's Irish Pub, Bar La Sitarella,
Cafe Bohemia Jazz, Taberna JBT, Bodegas Castañedas,
Nocta, Chupiteria 69, Mirador de San Miguel, Tetería El
Bañuelo

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Putting in the effort to make conversation
is what's most important.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought a ceramic vase. I'd say some sort of treat or house decoration

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>0</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>250</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>15</u> Internet	\$ <u>200</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> 10 Public Transportation
\$ <u>100</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>10</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>580</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised a little bit. The culture of going out and meeting up for coffee and tapas adds up but it was never unmanageable.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Cash and a credit card. Worked well but I would make sure your card is either a Visa or Mastercard to be accepted at more places.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Find a balance, find a routine. It can be easy to slip into either staying in your room all day or overexerting yourself by going out too often. Find what makes you excited and passionate while saving time to relax.

Name (optional): _____

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Studying abroad in Granada has been very eye-opening. I've
learned a lot about myself, more than I would have been able to
discover in the U.S. It is challenging at times, but so worth it!

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. MORE summer clothes
2. American beauty products
3. travel towel

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. winter boots
2. puffy jacket
3. fancy dress

What did you miss while abroad?

I missed my family.

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

The way that Spanish culture encourages ^{slowing} _{down}.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I used Whatsapp to communicate w/ my family and that worked
perfectly for texting, phone calls and facetime!

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I need coffee, café futbol, la finca coffee, mucha
miga café, flamboyant, concordia (pasteleria),
wall street, mosaico vintage

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be open to new experiences and if there is an opportunity
to go somewhere w/ them and spend quality time together, go!

Always be self-aware and respectful and never stop trying
to express your immense gratitude (with words + actions)

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes! I would advise something from your home state like a magnet or fun foods to try!

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>30</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>60</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>40</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>0</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>45</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>50</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>225</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I had a loose budget, but I was prepared to spend more than I normally would in the U.S. so I allowed myself to do so.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I had about 150€ with me before I came which was nice, but after that I mainly used my debit/credit cards.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Mentally prepare yourself for tons of new experiences, and try your best to come in with as few expectations as possible — make the most of your time b/c it will fly by!

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

It was a great opportunity to leave the states and explore Europe. As well as a chance to improve my Spanish way more than if I had stayed in Washington. Great way to explore new cultures and a new way of living day-to-day.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More than 2 pairs of tennis shoes
2. More pants
3. A better wallet

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. An extra jacket
2. Some toiletries
3. Pens & pencils (just get them here)

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed my family and home but I'm really going to miss the fact everything is so walkable and good public transportation.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I FaceTimed my parents around ~~one~~ once a week and messaged them on Whats App. I called my friends at random times, whenever I missed them the most, really.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Muchamiga and I Need Coffee are definitely the two café's

I recommend the most. Both are study/computer friendly and

~~have~~ have an insane amount of options. Staff are also so friendly and welcoming at both spots.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Definitely try spending time outside your room and in the common space at the start. There you can work on homework, chill on your phone, while still being able to talk with or watch TV with your host family. Finding similarities and shared interests are a good starting point. As well as being open and open to new conversations.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I did not bring anything at the start, instead I brought my host mom and roomie out to dinner/tapas. Bringing something unique from your hometown would be a great place to look first.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>300</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u> </u> Internet	\$ <u>100</u> Going out
\$ <u> </u> Laundry	\$ <u>10</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>300</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>100</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>820</u> Total (more like \$1000 I feel like)

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was definitely caught off guard my first two months in with how much I had spent. From then on I watched my spending a bit more but didn't limit myself to the extreme.
How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Mostly used Apple Pay which worked out great at like 90% of the places. I tried to carry ~20€ with me when I went out, though.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Do as many things as you can, stay busy, and find a groove that suits both your personal/solo time as well as time with new friends and your host family.

Name (optional): Brandon Monson

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): Pacific Lutheran University

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Term: () Fall (✓) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

It was a chance to really get to know and explore
southern Spain. It was learning to completely immerse
myself in a language and culture. It was becoming
confident in my independence and travel skills. It was also becoming a
part of a

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More than one jacket
2. Sweat pants/shirt
3. Backpack

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. A skirt ^{new community.}
2. A tank top
3. That neck travel thing

What did you miss while abroad?

Hanging out with friends
in a house

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I'll miss walking everywhere
and having so many places to sit and observe

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I called my parents every once and a while and
sometimes texted my friends. I sent them all postcards
for fun too. I'm bad at staying in touch...

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I liked breakfast at Cafe Fútbol, there's a gluten-
free pizza/burger place near San Juan de Dios. Tapas
at Cafe Arte Fusión or Buena Vida. Momentomori is a
fun place for drinks and tapas.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would say be willing to communicate about good
things and bad things and really spend time
chatting with them, especially after meals.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

A candle, a puzzle, some chocolates. I would say to bring some sort of snack because it can be hard to know what sort of object the family would really want/use.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>50</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>50-500</u> Personal Travel <u>depending on month</u>
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>40</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>13</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>50-70</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>30</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>603</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised in the beginning, but I had to get used to the understanding that hanging with people meant having to buy something, especially when it was sold out.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I took cash and a debit card. I think if you can get some euros before you come, that's always helpful, but otherwise just using an ATM works.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

It would be to reach out to others in your program or CIM and really make a community for yourself, because it will improve your time and encourage you to go out more and explore.

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University (optional): Whitworth University

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

The best way to learn, and not just in terms of language. I was stretched past my comfort zone, and I learned a ton about myself and the world. So worth it.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Euros (cheaper to bring than exchange here)

1. books (didn't need them)

2. ~~Sunglasses~~ daytrip backpack

2. Some of my clothes (bought more here)

3. More socks/shoe deodorizer (we walk a LOT)

3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

My dog: cooking for myself

My host mom, her food, and having easy opportunities to practice my Spanish.

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Whatsapp facetime calls were my main method. I tried to send some postcards, but they never got delivered.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I really like La Carmita, a ~~game~~ used book/boardgame café. Their food is good and it's fun playing games there with friends. Other favorites: Hicori, El Piano, el Parque de García Lorea, el mirador de San Nicolás, Maseico (thrift store), Lemon Rock,

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family? Bohemia Jazz.

Communicate and be flexible. ~~Trying~~ Spanish culture is sometimes more confrontational, so don't be afraid to (respectfully) address any problems you're having. (Plus, your host family cares about you and wants you to communicate!)

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought a drawstring bag of things from my town (a mug, a keychain) and my favorite Trader Joe's snacks because TJ's doesn't exist here.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10.00</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>75</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>75</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ 0 <u>25</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ 0 <u>25</u> Shopping
\$ <u>215</u> Total	

↳ just personal snacks/meals; host families always feed us!

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I tried to stick to a budget (but I always end up spending a little more than planned, haha).

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I brought my debit card and a couple hundred euros in cash from my bank in the U.S. I should have brought more cash. It's expensive getting euros here! Always a fee.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Don't freak out if you get here and have a really hard time understanding people. I had a really hard time the first month, but it got WAY easier (and I got way better at being comfy with not understanding everything, which was a valuable lesson).

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University (optional): University of Portland

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Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

You walk everywhere but everyone walks very slowly.
Traveling and going out are very cheap.
Spanish is hard.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. sunscreen
2. an adapter
3. club clothes

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. I used everything I packed
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

My cat

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

siesta

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I stayed in touch the same way I do in the US.
There was no reason to change it.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Bar la Buena Vida, Basaba, I need coffee,
Chupiteria 69

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Make an effort to maintain conversations at
meals.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I forgot, but am buying them chocolates and flowers before I leave.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>100</u>	Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>300</u>	Personal Travel <i>only months that I traveled</i>
\$ <u>0</u>	Internet	\$ <u>40</u>	Going out
\$ <u>0</u>	Laundry	\$ <u>0</u>	Public Transportation
\$ <u>20</u>	Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>40</u>	Shopping
		\$ <u>~300</u>	Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I spent much less than I planned.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Debit cards. It worked well.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Get ready to put in a lot of effort to speaking and learning Spanish, but also have fun and travel when you can.

Name (optional): Madeline O'Connor

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): Lewis & Clark College

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Term: () Fall (✓) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

An enormous period of self discovery and transformation.
constantly being challenged but constantly growing.
The most fun I've ever had & something I'll always remember.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. My slippers
2. U.S. bandaids
3. More of my own perfume

1. More pairs of shoes
2. More of my running clothes
3. —

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed good, diverse kinds of food here. When I am back I
will miss the life on the street and my friends here :)

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I texted and Facetimed my family and friends a few times
a week, usually in the mornings (7am-8am) or in the evening.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Bakery/café: ^{Don Croissant} café 4 Gatos, studying: I need coffee, Muchamiga.
Park: Carmen de los Mártires, Federico García Lorca

Shop: Mosaico Vintage, vista: San Miguel, Restaurants:
clubs/bars: Planta Baja, Alhambra 30 Devino Italian

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Spend time w/ them (talking during/ after meals, watching
TV/movies, going out together). Respect their house rules &
communicate: your likes/dislikes, your plans etc.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought see's candy. I'd recommend anything that represents your hometown and can be shared w/ a whole family.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>30</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>320</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>200</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>100</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>0</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>655</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I saved beforehand and knew I could spend about ~\$200 a week, so I just tried to spend less than that (which wasn't hard).

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I primarily used a zero charge transaction fee credit card, but occasionally withdrew cash from Caja Rural (lowest fees). This worked well.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Studying abroad feels scary at first, but you will have such a life-changing experience here. Take every opportunity you have here, but also take time to reflect on who you're becoming. Time goes by fast, so enjoy it!

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University (optional): Willamette University

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If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Challenging but so worth it.An adventure full of trials and tribulations.A journey of self discovery and growth.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. warmer clothes2. allergy meds (zyrtec)3.

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. school supplies2. BOOKS3.

What did you miss while abroad?

driving

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

free tapas

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

texting & phone calls & social mediamany people sent postcards & they never arrived.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Kona specialty coffee, Ineed coffee ☺☺, Atypica coffee, miso restaurant,la buena vida, bella kurva, cafe bar los arcos, alpaca bobo tea,Pedro pepperoni pizzeria, El piano

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Communication! Respect their time and space.# Engage with them, ask about their day, life, family. Tellthem about yourself. Have patience. Ask questions! Don't letyourself be confused or lost, they are there to help you and not judge.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes! Something from your home town/state, something you like and want to share with them, something handmade.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10K</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>10 - 1000</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>5 100</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>20</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>100-100</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>0 - 100</u> Shopping

whole program: \$1150 - 7100 \$ 230 - 1420 Total
1 feel like it's more like 2000

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I did not give myself a budget for this trip. I'm not really surprised by how much I've spent although I don't know if these numbers are realistic.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Traveler's credit card through Bank of America - worked everywhere no exchange rates! '0110 recomend. Used it to get cash from ATM when I arrived - limit on cash withdrawal

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be? ^{was} stressful

Don't depend on others to enjoy your time here. Do things by yourself! Travel alone. Remember why you are here. But also don't be afraid to reach out to others, everyone on this program is in the same boat. Don't isolate yourself, but don't forget your independence.

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University (optional): Lewis & Clark College

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

An immersive language experience filled with new friends,
music, travel, and lots of walking. An amazing insight into
another culture. Living in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More long-sleeves/sweaters
2. My beloved flowy skirts
3. A bigger school backpack

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Big Tums container
2. Extra bottles of toiletries
3. Big toiletry travel bag

What did you miss while abroad?

Hiking, skiing, lakes/rivers

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Travel, host family, friends, walkable cities

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I got a Spanish SIM card and phone number, so I communicated
entirely through WhatsApp. We called and texted through it.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

La Ibense (their caracolas are amazing), La Ruta del Colesterol, El Parque
de Federico García Lorca, I Need (coffee shop that lets you study), La
Fuente de las Batallas, Masa Madre (bakery)

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be clean and respectful. Be fully engaged at the dinner table
(no phones). Don't be afraid to be vulnerable and let them
know if you're struggling.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought Seattle chocolate, which they loved.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>16.5</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>250</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>25</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>75</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>25</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>396.5</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I didn't have a strict budget, but I'm generally frugal. Clubs get expensive. Travel is definitely the biggest cost, but worth it.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I used my debit card to withdraw cash (Deutsche Bank) and then Venmoed friends when we went out (separate checks aren't a thing).

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Join something that is mostly young Spanish people. I joined a youth choir (18-24 year olds), which was amazing for making friends and learning the language. Also, be kind to yourself when study abroad is hard or not what you expected. Ask for help sooner rather than later. Mark and Maria are there to support you.

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University (optional): Gonzaga University

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: _____

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

It's an amazing experience that has taught me a lot about myself, personal growth. I came in super shy & I love talking to people now. Overall it's an experience I will never forget & I will always cherish it.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Winter clothes

1. My xbox

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

I missed Mexican food. I will miss going out for tapas with friends

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I used Whatsapp, Facetime, Snapchat, and every social media.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I need coffee, Starbucks, la Buena Vida (for tapas), Basaba (great club), GIO (also another good club), Hanalei cocktail bar, café Fútbol

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Have good communication with them. I always let them know when I'm going out or not having lunch or dinner at home so they don't wait for me. Also don't be afraid to tell them certain things if you have something going on, they will be there to help/support you.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I traveled back home for semana santa & I brought my host parents, the person who cleans, & my professors gifts.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>30</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>2,500</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>1,000</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>50</u> Public Transportation
\$ _____ Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>2,000</u> Shopping
	\$ _____ Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Yes! I spent too much. I didnt stick to a budget & how I love shopping I was always at the stores.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I took money in cash & I also had my debit & credit card. Worked Well

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Dont waste time feeding into any drama with students in the program. It's not worth it & it will only ruin your time here. Get along with everyone & have an amazing time!

Name (optional): _____

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2022

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

This experience allowed me to explore and learn who I would like to be. I've grown mentally and allowed myself to learn from others.

List three things you wish you had packed:

- Sweaters
- Gifts
- Items related to my culture

List three things you wish you had left at home:

- Sweaters
- Big shoes
-

What did you miss while abroad?

Family & food

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Culture and lifestyle

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Whatsapp, email for sure because having an international number is tough. Mas Mail from Nevada phone is 10€ for 90 Gb.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I enjoy going to the rio and hanging out with friends. Amazonica is a beautiful cafe and delirio is a good night spot.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Communicate whatever you feel most comfortable with, it allows them to get to know you as a individual and break the ice.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought a state related gift and Mexican treats. Anything that you can share from what you enjoy.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ 1000 <u>200</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>—</u> Internet	\$ <u>500</u> Going out
\$ <u>—</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ 30 <u>—</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>—</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>745</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I am not because I took advantage of any traveling opportunities and didn't spend much on unnecessary items.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I always have cash but it's inconvenient at times because there tends to be a minimum to use card.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Build as many relationships as you can and create your own community in Granada, whether it's coffee corners, employees or gym friends! It makes it easier to be far from family when you have people here too!

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I learned so much - about Spain in general, Granada, myself, culture, etc.

Everyone told me this but it is true - time flew by, especially at the end

I fell in love with Granada - the culture, the people, the food, the constant music... Granada feels like a second home to me now.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. More winter clothes for layering

2. Nice pair of shoes (boots/not sneakers)

3. More socks/underwear etc

1. Less clothes in general to have more space for souvenirs

2. _____

3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

My family, friends, and dogs

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

The pace of life here, my host family, being able to walk anywhere, the ice cream & food, the history everywhere

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I mostly used iMessage + Facetime and whatsapp and they were convenient

to be able to keep in touch with people I missed. I also sent quite a few letters/post cards - I recommend using a little envelope even for postcards because they're so thin

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

My favorite ~~ice~~ ice cream place is La Abuela (10/10), my favorite bakery

was either Cafe Ysla or Duke Ángel. I loved the park ~~Frederico~~

~~Frederico~~ Federico Garcia Lorca and my favorite lookout is the Mirador de San Miguel (there are great views of the whole city, Albaicin, and Alhambra)

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be respectful and communicate, if you are unsure of something

(from a house rule/norm to ideas of where to eat) they

are opening up their home to you and they want you

to have the best experience you can!

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought coasters, a hand towel, and a scarf from my home town - I think gifts specific to where you are from are really good! But also useful gifts like towels, mugs, etc are great.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage <small>(I bought Spanish SIM no contract with data)</small>	\$ <u>20-300 depends</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>15-50 depends</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>75-200 depends a lot</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>30-75</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>2000-2500</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Yes and no - I had months where I spent more than others and I did try to stick to a budget, especially after a couple of months when I had spent more than I wanted to.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I brought about 200 euros with me and I intermittently get cash out of the ATM (I'd recommend getting a credit card without international fees)

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Even if you are tired or overwhelmed, make time to explore/adventure. Granada is so beautiful and also really close to many other cool places (like taking a bus to the beach for 20 euros for the day) so do it while you can!

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Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I learned so much about the Spanish language and culture. It was very challenging but worthwhile. I am very grateful for the experience.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. More US medicine (Nyquil, ibuprofen, allergy pills, etc.)
2. Better sneakers
3. A non-dying laptop (make sure your tech. is up to date)

1. Too many old shoes
2. Some books
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

The familiarity of how things are structured in the US.

The beautiful things to see in Granada, my host family, the food, the lifestyle, & more

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I was on the Verizon International phone plan.

Not entirely sure I'd recommend it but it functioned well enough for the most part.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I liked (Need right by CUM) for coffee. For shopping I liked Moseico (vintage) & Lefties.

I took many walks to Carmen de los Martines & Parque Federico Garcia Lorca.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

I would advise to really make an effort to engage in conversations at lunch because it's great for your relationship and Spanish. If they invite you to do things, like go on hikes, or cook with them, definitely say yes.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, I brought cups labelled with my hometown and a pin. I would advise bringing a fridge magnet because many host parents collect those.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>100</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>500-1500</u> Personal Travel	<i>only applicable for me in Feb. & March</i>
\$ <u>X</u> Internet	\$ <u>20</u> Going out	<i>(didn't go out much)</i>
\$ <u>X</u> Laundry	\$ 30-40 Public Transportation	
\$ <u>30-50</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>~80-100</u> Shopping	
<i>↳ only had to buy snacks & toiletries</i>	\$ <u>~740-1,810</u> Total	<i>(very rough estimate)</i>

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised I didn't spend more on personal travel. I tried to stay on at least a base budget.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I took my normal debit & credit cards. Make sure to call your bank beforehand.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

The program was academically harder than I expected & sometimes I missed out on opportunities because I wanted to do perfectly. Take the classes seriously but don't miss out on all the exciting things to do & see in Spain!

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Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): Whitworth University

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Forced, in a good way, to constantly be outside my
comfort zone. I loved learning how to live and create a life in
a completely new place + culture.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Lots of Advil
2. Motion sickness pills
3. extra deodorant

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Flip Flops
2. Q-tips
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

My family, cooking my
own meals

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

The people I met, pace of life in Spain

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Whats App for everything, mainly texting & calling.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Carmen de Los Martires, La Riviera (for taps), La Finca (coffee),

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

If you are unsure about anything just ask.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought a fridge magnet plus 2 or 3 t-shirts which were from my city. I'd recommend those.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>30</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>400</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>50</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>6</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>30</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>30</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>546</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Yes, but I splurged with traveling & going out which I think was worth it.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Cash and debit card. Works very well.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Don't get cell service through Vodafone, it's a scam. Go to Intercambios (LemonRock!) I met cool people & takes the pressure off of ~~being~~ having to be good at Spanish.
having to

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Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

You walk so much, on excursions, to go out, to school, everywhere.

You will feel awkward during interactions sometimes.

It will take a bit to get comfortable, but once you do find joy in little things.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. Warmer clothes for layering

2. More socks

3. My Kindle

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Books

2. Some parts (I brought too many)

3. Things to put on the wall

What did you miss while abroad?

comfort of my own space

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

TAPAS

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Your cell phone is great, with an international plan of 250 GB per month I could send iMessages, but whatsapp is very helpful.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Café Futbol is great for drinks & desserts.

I liked sitting in any plazas and reading or sitting with friends or listening to music/podcasts.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Put in effort to listening to their stories and engaging during meals.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought a box of chocolates from my hometown, I think it is nice to give them a piece of your life.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ 30	Cell Phone usage	\$		Personal Travel
\$ 0	Internet	\$	40-50 MAYBE	Going out
\$ 0	Laundry	\$	0	Public Transportation
\$ 30	Meals/Groceries	\$	20	Shopping
		\$		Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I definitely did not bring enough money for travel, I would not have lasted the whole 5 months without a loan from my parents. (and I traveled international twice)

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

I brought emergency cash in US dollars, but unless you want to pay for that to be converted, don't. A debit card is all you need, unless you have a credit card compatible with overseas ATMS or businesses (I did not).

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

practice more before arrival. Pack warm clothes for spring!

Name (optional):

Email address (optional):

University (optional): Lewis & Clark college

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

Immense growth in another culture.
Constant ups & downs but ultimately a
triumphant up. Meeting so many new people
from all around the world.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. Sports equipment
2. ~~tees~~ Comfy shoes
3. good quality headphones.

1. unnecessary clothing
2. Dress clothes
3. unnecessary shoes

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Food chains from the US, Street Culture, tapas, time in cafes

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?) ^{w/ friends}

Phone calls because texting with the time
change is hard. I usually try to call a loved one
every night before bed.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Flamboyant cafe, Basaba club (on Fridays),
Carmen de las Martires park. Mosaico (Thrift store).

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

A lot of the time, they have had
dozens of students before you, they know how
Americans work. If you want to build
meaningful relationships, really start to take
part in their culture; ask a lot of questions.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, bring something of clothing. (Sports team etc)
(~~As~~ I brought food)

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>10</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>250</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>10</u> Internet	\$ <u>200</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5-10</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>50-100</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>50</u> Shopping
\$ <u>650 ish</u> Total	

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

Yes, things are expensive in Europe.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Debit card, worked great.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Dont get so caught up in seeing too much
of Europe. Spend time in Granada!

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University (optional): Whitworth

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

An empowering experience that taught me how to
travel. An experience I'll never regret doing. An
experience I wish I could do again.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. extra phone charger
2. obspice deodorant - ^{deodorant were} _{kinda sucks}
3. sunglasses

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. jewelry-making supplies
2. my tevas - I didn't end up hiking ^{much}
3. my hats - beanies and sunhat

What did you miss while abroad?

spicy food - Private place to hang out w/ friends

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

free tapas, sun,
improving spanish

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

whatsapp, social media

phone plan that includes international messaging

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Plaza de Carlos - cool little square in Albaicín where
artists and musicians and friendly people
will go hang out

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Remember birthdays, Mother's day, family events, etc...
write a card or find/make a tiny gift. It goes a long
way. Express gratitude. Make time to hang
out and talk.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

a handwritten card, a tiny piece of art from home

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>50</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>300</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>10</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>7</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>10</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>20</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>400</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised by the money I spent. I'd recommend planning / paying for extra travel first, and then seeing where that leaves you for going out

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

debit card (visa), sometimes cash.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Save in advance, see as many new countries as you can

Name (optional): _____

Email address (optional): _____

University (optional): _____

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

My study abroad experience was very eye opening. I felt
that I grew in so many more ways than I thought imaginable.
It was an unforgettable experience that had its ups and downs,
but never regretted it for a second.

List three things you wish you had packed:

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. MORE shorts for summer

1. Too many jackets

2. A weekend traveling bag ^(bigger bag for weekend trips)

2. unhealthy amount of pens

3. socks & "going out" shoes

3. books (electronic books are your friends)

4. MORE MEDICATION (like Dayquil, ibuprofen, cold med, ^{allergo med})

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

MY CAR!! ↗

Not having everything in walking distance ↖

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

Phone calls and texting for sure. I Facetimed my family
& friends a lot while away.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Amazonica cafe (the owner is amazing), smoothie bowl 15 (little
taste of home), Ramen places, Granada 10, Basaba, Get a
"Best Life" account!! ← very helpful

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Go out of your room once in awhile just to talk.
It's daunting, but it grows your bond so much and
makes your host family feel like home.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

yes → BRING A GIFT! Something "home-ie" ~~but~~ from hometown, school, etc.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>30</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>150</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>30</u> ^{↑ had unlimited plan} Internet	\$ <u>50</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>30</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>50</u> ^(whole time I was here) Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>200</u> Shopping
<u>15/month</u>	\$ <u>500</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I spent a lot more on travel than I had originally thought/planned.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Started out w/ cash, usually used Apple Pay (VERY HELPFUL) but try to carry cash on you in case card doesn't work, they don't take cash etc.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

This is my second semester study abroad program. Each one, time went by so fast (some days so slow). Enjoy it and try not to get stuck on the commodities waiting back home. Have fun and be COMFORTABLE w/ being UNCOMFORTABLE.

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University (optional): Whitworth University

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

I have been in an uncomfortable state that is necessary for personal growth, where I have learned so much about the world, myself, and my global identity and presence

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. ^{some} going-out clothes
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

my family, my cat

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

host mom, culture of going outside to be social

social norms here

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

I called, texted, facetime'd, and wrote a card to my grandparents. I would recommend those. ↑

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Cafe 4 Gatos, Minuit, Bohemian Jazz, Cafe Amazonica, Ysla, Flamboyant, La Buena Vida,

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Communication is key, and telling them in advance when you will not eat a meal at home and where you are going/doing generally. Most importantly, speaking with them about anything/everything.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

Yes, something that represents where you are from.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>0</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>100</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>80</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>5</u> Public Transportation
\$ 0 Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>50</u> Shopping
	\$ <u>235</u> Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I wasn't surprised, yes I tried to stick to a budget

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Cash, credit card (travel card)
yes, worked well

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Work hard to find a balance as quickly as you can, (it will come regardless). Find comforts, spots you love, but also engage in ~~the~~ new settings.

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall () Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

My study abroad experience was initially managably challenging and became very fun as the semester progressed. I think it has changed me in many positive ways.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. a nice/fancy pair of pants
~~more exciting clothes~~
2. a good pair of shorts
3. swim trunks

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. I brought very few things so
2. I wouldn't have left anything.
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

My friends and family

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

friends and family I made in Spain

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

primarily facetime and calling. I recommend encouraging family members to get whatsapp.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

El mirador de San Gabriel, Bola de Oro skatepark, chupiteria 69

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

clear communication, assume the best, make a meaningful effort.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought food from Oregon and that seemed good.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>200-500</u> Personal Travel	400
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>20-30</u> Going out	15
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>10</u> Public Transportation	25
\$ <u>20-30</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>15</u> Shopping	25
		10
		+ 15
		490
	\$ <u>490</u> Total	

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

It was easy to save money going out and on food
if you because I'm pretty stingy but traveling was surprisingly
expensive.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

debit card + 100€ cash. It worked well.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

If someone is trying to get you to buy something
on the street and they won't go away, tell them
you don't have any money.

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (X) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

This was one of the greatest opportunities I've ever had. I grew interculturally, socially, and personally from being abroad. It was a great way to meet new people, do new things, and see places I might want to end up later.

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. More shorts (it got warm fast)
2. My instrument
3. Room decor (small)

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. A jacket or two/sweater
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

Privacy. I loved my host family, though, so I'll miss them and the prices

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email)?

Phone calls, emails, and fotos are the best ways to stay in touch, but don't push it if you're too tired. They'll understand.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

Bars: Alhamar 30, Rosario Varela, Perro Andaluz Clothing: Lefties, Zara

Tapas: La Buena Vida, Minotauro, Rhin Barril

club: Granada 20, Basaba, Aliatar Cafés: Malamiga, la Garmita El secreto de los Unicornios, has kombucha!

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

Be open minded and participate. They never mean to offend when they forget something or correct you on something, they just want you to learn. Also, they're interesting, so stay engaged! Be patient

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

I brought something that was a souvenir from my home state!

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>0</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>€90</u> Personal Travel
\$ <u>0</u> Internet	\$ <u>€ 160-200</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>0</u> Public Transportation
\$ <u>€ 40-60</u> Meals/Groceries	\$ <u>20€</u> Shopping
	\$ 500€ ~ 500€ Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

If anything, I was surprised by how manageable a budget was with Spanish prices and a host family to fall back on

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

Took a debit card and credit card. (both visas). They worked perfectly and I could pull money out for a fee.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

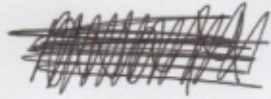
I can't stress enough to be patient. People (both from Spain and the program itself) come from so many different backgrounds, and you cannot always hold them to U.S. standards. That being said, also don't let yourself just excuse rude or aggressive behavior every time

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My Advice from Granada

Term: () Fall (x) Spring Year: 2023

If you could describe your study abroad experience in three sentences, how would you sum it up?

List three things you wish you had packed:

1. beach towel / tapestry
2. _____
3. _____

List three things you wish you had left at home:

1. extra fall jackets
2. _____
3. _____

What did you miss while abroad?

my family

What do you think you will miss when you are back?

walking everywhere

How did you stay in touch with your family/friends in the U.S.? What methods would you recommend and why (i.e., phone calls, mail, email?)

mostly used whatsapp. I recommend buying a sim card in spain, orange worked well for me.

What was your favorite shop/bakery/café/theater/club/park in town? Please list any notable places that you remember:

I love Noat, great coffee + right next to school!
you have to make it up to the San Miguel
lookout for sunset.

What advice would you give for maintaining a successful relationship with your host family?

remaining patient + understanding. Try not to
just keep to yourself in your room.

Did you bring a present to your host family? What would you advise?

yes I did. I would advise to keep it simple. Snacks, mug, etc.

Approximately how much money (in U.S. dollars) did you spend per month on:

\$ <u>15</u> Cell Phone usage	\$ <u>200-300</u> Personal Travel
\$ _____ Internet	\$ <u>100</u> Going out
\$ <u>0</u> Laundry	\$ <u>10</u> Public Transportation
\$ _____ Meals/Groceries	\$ _____ Shopping
	\$ _____ Total

Were you surprised by the amount you spent, or did you try to stick to a budget?

I was surprised by how much I spent on eating out when my host family's meal wasn't my favorite or not filling.

How did you take money with you? (Cash, debit or credit cards, traveler's checks, etc.) Did this work well?

credit card - yes.

If you could give one important piece of advice to future students on your program, what would it be?

Come with an open mind, be ready to work hard at school.

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