Spotlight: JACKIE ZENG '23



I enjoyed exploring both Copenhagen and Europe and also just developing deeper connections with new friends I've made. I'm super grateful to have found a nice group that I really click with. I definitely miss friends back home, and I still call my friends at Olin, but it's nice to know that no matter where I go, I can ground myself.



STUDY AWAY: Copenhagen, Denmark DIS

One of my favorite memories was the study trip I took with my DIS architecture class to Kolding, Denmark where we were looking at an old castle that burned down which they converted into a museum. It was really cool to see history and modern architecture woven together. I loved learning about buildings because of the stories that they told and the lives of the people who lived in them.



Spotlight: WALTER VILLA '23

I really wanted to go to London because I wanted to experiment and learn new courses and material surrounding design. I wanted to see how other institutions taught design because I wanted to open up my horizons and see if I was interested in it (spoiler alert: I was). I also wanted to try the fast-paced life in a city like London and I really enjoyed it.



What is your favorite memory from abroad?

I loved going on an independent trip to Iceland once I finished my finals. It was such a beautiful place where nature and design met. I felt my creativity kinda sprout and it was a great refresh before coming back to the US. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on who I wanted to be. I made a decision there that design was what I wanted to go into and I have never looked back since.



Spotlight: YEYHA ALBAKRI '23

I wanted a program where I'm immersed with students staying locally. I got to live with the local students in the dorms, and was in class with locals. London is a big city, and I have never lived in a big city before. I enjoyed how everything was so accessible and having so many options so close by was really quite luxurious.

STUDY AWAY: :

London, UK
IES



Visiting Germany was really fun. I stayed there for a week, and we were going out almost everyday, visiting different cities and national parks. I got to see what their everyday life is like which was really cool. I got to meet cousins that I had never met before, and go to places like the Volkswagen museum.



Spotlight: SREE CHALIMADUGU ' 23

I wanted to study in east Asia in particular because - having Asian roots - I had only traveled to India before. That place has a very different kind of culture from the rest of the world, and exploring new cultures is something I really want to do. Korea was the best fit since Seoul is so foreigner-friendly and a nice place to study.



STUDY AWAY: Seoul, South Korea CIEE

What is your favorite memory from abroad?

There's a little restaurant next to the dorm where I lived. Food in Korea is very inexpensive and that restaurant was really nice to go to. There was an old lady who ran the restaurant, and by the end of my semester, we got really close. She was really nice and it was great to feel so welcome as a foreigner in Korea.



Spotlight: KATIE GOSBEE '22.5

One of my favorite memories of my time abroad was when I visited Interlaken, Switzerland. I was able to visit the famous pier from the K-Drama "Crash Landing on You" and then went paragliding over the Swiss Alps!



Perugia, Italy Umbra Institute

I chose this program because it offered a food and sustainability concentration, with not just classes but field trips like truffle hunting, and workshops like mozzarella making!



Spotlight: JUSTIN YUAN '22.5

I took a lot of visual arts classes, including Graphic Design, Watercolor Painting, and an analysis-based sketchbook class called Visual Journal. They've all been fun in their own ways, but my favorite has probably got to be my watercolor class. We get to travel around to different spots in the city and plain air paint. It's been a great way to not only grow as an artist, but also learn more about the city's history.

STUDY AWAY: Copenhagen, Denmark DIS





There are several amazing memories that'll stick with me long after this semester, but one of my favorites is from a week-long trip that a few friends and I took to Tromsø, Norway. We met some lovely world travelers, hiked some beautiful mountains, and ended the trip with a campfire view of the Northern Lights.



Spottight: ELIAS GABRIEL '22.5

My family is part Italian, and I've always had a love of food and cooking. Putting those things together, I've wanted to study abroad in Italy since Day 1 of Olin. This program combined that love with another passion of mine: sustainability. It was an opportunity I just couldn't refuse.



STUDY/AWAY:

Perugia, Italy Umbra Institute

What advice do you have for others going abroad?

My biggest piece of advice is to be unassumingly open to the experiences and opportunities you might encounter abroad. If you're going abroad with an itinerary backed by stacks of second-hand research, you're almost certainly not going to get the most out of your time -- you need to leave a lot of room for new people and adventure.



Spotlight: DAVID TARAZI '22.5

My favorite part of this experience was doing an internship with Al Hannouneh Society for Popular Culture in Amman. With this organization, I helped host community events to preserve, show, and teach traditional Palestinian culture like Dabke, and helped teach the meaning of our culture as a way to resist the occupation of Palestine and connect to our roots.



STUDY AWAY: Amman, Jorden SIT

Why did you choose this program?

I chose to study in Jordan because I'm half Palestinian and wanted to learn and connect to my heritage. My favorite outcome from this experience is I can now hold basic conversation in Arabic with my dad and have the basics to keep learning in the U.S.

