What Students Say about Summer Study Abroad . . .

1. Let me begin by saying thank you for all the support and assistance with funding my studying abroad in Spain this past summer. It was such an incredible experience. Not only was I educated about the language but also enlightened with the culture as well. The professors at the program were great. They were very helpful when it came to explaining the lessons if I did not fully understand initially. Our tour guide was awesome a very knowledgeable, friendly person. [...].

Again thank you TSU and Foreign language Department for giving me the opportunity. This experience I will remember and carry with me forever.

Vicente Lewis
Spanish Major, Music Minor

2. This summer I had the privilege of studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain. The program at Mester was amazing. The teachers were very knowledgeable and helpful. They had activities planned for us every day. We went on weekend day trips to places such as Caceres, Avila, and Portugal. We had dancing and cooking lessons. We visited places that I had studied about in my Spanish Literature class for example the garden of Calisto and Melebea from the story La Celestina and The Tormez River from the book Lazarillo de Tormez. We also went to a museum in Mardid and saw the painting Guernica by Pablo Picasso. [...].

These were once-and-a lifetime experiences and without the Scholarship that Texas Southern University and Foreign Language Department awarded me, I would have never been able to travel to Spain. [...]

Elisa Noriega
Spanish Major, French Minor

3. My study abroad trip to Spain was one of the best experiences I had ever encountered! We had Spanish lessons every morning during the weekdays, and lectures, dancing classes, cooking lessons, and/or Hispanic films in the afternoon. We also toured four different cities. [...] The grants and funds from Texas Southern University, the Department of Foreign Languages, the Department of Political Science and the Mester study abroad program provided me the opportunity to engage in a different culture, language, and society along with other international students. I express my gratitude and strongly recommend for the study abroad program to continue in the future for all TSU students, it is truly a view-opening experience!

Sullybeth Maximo,
Political Science Major, Spanish Minor
4. During my tenure in Spain, not only did my Spanish speaking skills immensely improve, but also my mind was expanded. I learned that as big as this world is, [...] I was welcomed into a different culture, speak a different language, and live a different lifestyle. Yet I was still Jade, 19 year old from Portland, OR, going to school at Texas Southern University. I guess what I am trying to say is, life goes on, and it goes on beautifully. There is day and there is night no matter where you are, and what you do with that time is what makes a difference. I was blessed to be able to spend my days and nights learning, living, and loving while experiencing life in Spain.

Jade Beavers
Business major, passionate for Spanish and language learning

5. This past summer, I had the privilege of studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain. I expected to learn more about the Spanish culture and language through literature and lessons. However, this was not the case. The moment we arrived to the university, we were warmly welcomed to the program and instructed to get ready for the welcoming dinner. By the end of dinner, I knew that three weeks there would not be enough. If I ever had the opportunity to repeat this experience, I would do it without hesitation! I am forever grateful to Texas Southern and the Spanish Program for granting me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Kendra Pete
Journalism major/Spanish minor