Madrid, Spain

Why did you choose this location?
I choose to study in Madrid because I had taken Spanish classes, and I wanted to be able to practice the language in a native speaking country. I also wanted to travel around Europe and this was a good location for both.

Did you live on-campus, off-campus or with a host family?
I lived on-campus.

What advice can you give for choosing where to live?
Since I was 30 minutes from Madrid it was a little inconvenient to go explore the city if I didn’t have a whole lot of time that day. I would recommend living in the city so you’re close to all of the main sites and can get around quickly.

Experiences

What courses/subjects did you study?
I took Mechanics of Materials, Production and Manufacturing Systems, Thermodynamics 1, and Circuits and Controls.

Special activities, events and/or travel experiences:
I went to an Athletic Madrid soccer game as well as traveled around Europe most weekends. I went to nine different countries and 24 cities during my five months in Madrid.

What advice can you give to someone considering your study abroad location and/or study abroad experience?
I would recommend being as prepared as possible before you head over, so you don’t have to email people back at K-State for any problems with classes or the school in general. There will always be a few problems, but not have to deal with the time difference when communicating with K-State makes things a lot easier.

How would you rate your overall experience? (1 = poor; 2 = fair; 3 = good; 4 = great; 5 = excellent)
5: I had a great time in Madrid. I got to experience some of the Spanish culture and travel all over Europe. It was neat to see the similarities and differences between the U.S. and other countries since that isn’t something I would have been able to experience firsthand had I not studied abroad.