

UNCW PLS STUDENTS ABROAD

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What did you do abroad that you couldn't do at UNCW?

While abroad you encounter opportunities to experience new cultures and meet new people each and every day. Studying abroad gives you the chances to see new places and significantly broadens your horizons.

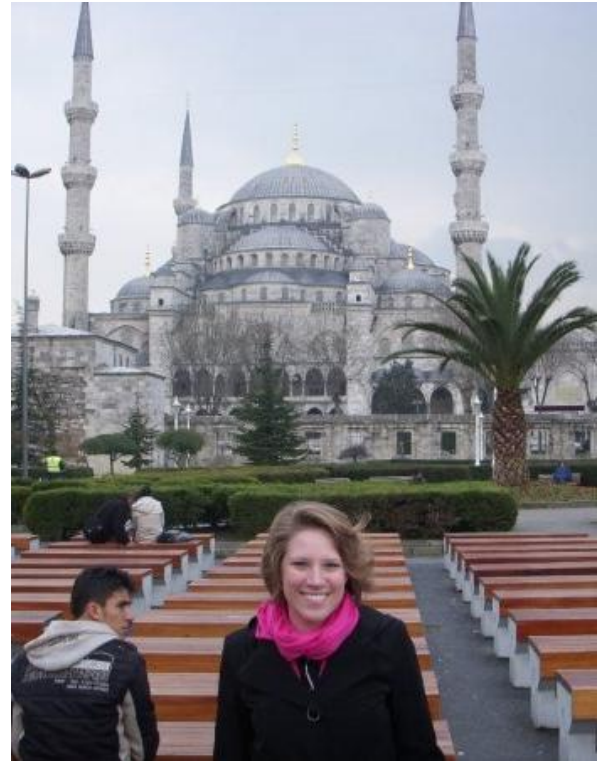


Photo above: Rebekah in front of the Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

What changed about you when you returned from study abroad?

I found that I learned so much about myself while studying abroad. You gain a confidence in yourself that you would not have earned staying in the States. When you venture to a new place and experience new things each and every day you learn so much about yourself and are always surprising yourself with the things you never thought you could do.



Holidaying along Turkey's Mediterranean Coast

In addition to your study abroad locale, where else did you visit?

I was fortunate enough to visit many different areas in Turkey, from its capital Ankara, the north near Gallipoli to many places along the coast next to the Mediterranean. I also, since graduating, have had the opportunity to travel around Europe visiting and staying with many of the friends I made while studying abroad.

Was it easy to make friends? How did you do it?

I found that it was easier to make friends abroad than it is to do it in the States. The individuals who study abroad seem to be more open to meeting more people and are always happy to make new friends. When studying abroad you automatically have a connection with other students who are studying abroad, and that makes it that much easier to start a conversation and find common ground.

Any other comments for PLS students?

As a political science student we claim to study the world, but how can we do that if we do not go out and study it during that process? Studying abroad is essential in the process of understanding the world we live in. Perspective is one of the most important things we can learn for ourselves and studying abroad is an excellent way to get that.



Jars, Turkey's Mediterranean Coast