

## Study Abroad Spotlight Former Student

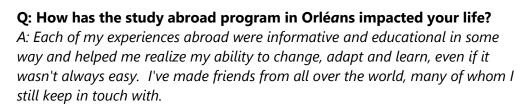


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**Current Career:** I'm a senior manager in finance at Spirit AeroSystems, supporting the Airbus A350 program located in Kinston, North Carolina and Saint-Nazaire, France. I've had the opportunity to travel to France with Spirit for negotiations at both our Spirit factory and Airbus's fuselage integration factory.





## Q: Why should other students study abroad in order to learn another language?

A: In today's xenophobic environment, nothing could be more important than opening oneself up to the unknown and striving to connect across differences. Studying abroad in Orléans cemented my knowledge of French and taught me about a beautiful, rich culture in a very personal way. Immersion is key -- living, tasting, breathing, even dreaming the foreign language and culture is a unique and enthralling experience.