



# Study Abroad Spotlight

## Former Student



### **Drew Tedlock**

#### Study Abroad Program:

*Université d'Orléans (Orléans, France)*

*Majors: Economics and French*

Semesters Abroad: Summer 2007 & Spring 2010

**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: How has the study abroad program in Orléans impacted your life?**

*A: Each of my experiences abroad were informative and educational in some way and helped me realize my ability to change, adapt and learn, even if it wasn't always easy. I've made friends from all over the world, many of whom I still keep in touch with.*

**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.*

