



WICHITA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

# Study Abroad Spotlight

## Current Student



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Major: *Biomedical Engineering*

Study Abroad Program:

*Lorenzo de' Medici Institute*

*Rome, Italy, Summer 2017*

#### Why did you decide to study abroad?

I was inspired by a friend who wanted to study abroad. She talked about adventure and experience outside of the country as well as taking a break from the rigorous engineering courses we have been taking. After learning that only 1% of students who are interested in studying abroad actually go, I knew I didn't want to be the 99% that would regret not taking this opportunity.

#### What impact did the study abroad program have on your life?

I came back with a greater sense of bravery. It's scary stepping out of your comfort zone, but this is where you learn how you handle unique and difficult situations. I went to experience immersion. I will always remember the moment I felt immersed in Italian culture. The clothes, the food, and the language. Knowing that I have been able to do it once, only makes me want to try it over again in another country. Studying abroad has allowed me to replace fear of the unknown with adventure.

