



Knighly Adventures Abroad

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If I could do it over, I would stay with a host family to gain a more intimate outlook on their way of life.

Major(s): **Philosophy**

Years/Term Abroad: **Spring 2006**

Name of program and why you chose it: **The program was a philosophical/religious outlook on Eastern culture through class study and cultural immersion. I chose it because I had a great curiosity for Eastern philosophies at the time.**

Describe the Housing Situation: **I stayed in an international dormitory with students from all over the world.**

Best Memory: **Traveling during Spring Break to Cambodia and Thailand.**

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? **It has given me an insight into my own way of life that I never have been exposed to in any classroom at Bellarmine.**

Greatest Challenge: **Coming into a country where I hardly recognized the alphabet, much less the language!**

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: **Trying to incorporate both differences and likenesses. Japan had many cultural similarities to the U.S., but differentiating between the two was the hardest part.**

What you know now that you didn't realize before going abroad: **The world is a much bigger place than I could have ever imagined. I could spend a lifetime traveling and still never see it all.**

Advice to future study abroad participants: **Travel as much as you can while you're there, it's a once in a lifetime experience!**

If an opportunity like study abroad ever comes your way don't let it slide by. It is a once in a lifetime experience that you'll never come to regret.

