Postcards from Abroad: **PERU**

**CHLOE BARTELS**

**Location:** Lima, Peru  
**Program:** CCIS Abroad  
**Program Dates:** Aug. 2 - Dec. 15

**Why did you choose this location?**  
I wanted to experience a city in Latin America that was vibrant and exciting as well as work on my Spanish skills.

**What has been your favorite part so far?**  
The hospitality in Lima is world-class! Navigating public transport was an adventure, and every Peruvian from bus drivers to Ubers to little old ladies bend over backwards to help you along the way.

**What has been the most difficult part so far?**  
Lima is a city of around eleven million and it’s chaotic. It’s loud and bustling; I’m approached every hour on the hour to buy an empanada. I’m missing the quiet of Sioux Falls, but I’m loving the city.
Postcards from Abroad continued:

What is your internship and your favorite part about it?
I was really fortunate to be offered a five-month internship at the U.S. Embassy in Lima. My cultural awareness has grown by leaps and bounds, not only learning Peruvian business and trade protocols, but seeing the different ways diplomats and industry leaders conduct business in Latin America.

Do you live with a host family, on campus, or in an apartment?
The apartment options interested me most when completing my application; however, I decided to remove myself from my comfort zone and live with a host family. After one week of homemade Peruvian meals, I knew I made the right decision.

Anything else you’d like to include?
You will be hard-pressed to find another time in life that allows you to spend 4-6 months in another country, and, luckily, you attend a university that is willing to bend over backwards to help you take advantage of whatever opportunity interests you!

Advice for students considering study abroad?
Review your 4-year academic plan, make sure you will graduate on time, and then go for it. Your professors and the IPO staff are your most valuable resources—take advantage of them.

Favorite Spanish phrase?
The word “poquito” translates to “a little bit,” and I love when Peruvians add “ito” to the end of their words! For example, my coworker brought a salsa dip last week and described it as picanito, or a ~little~ spicy. I think it’s adorable.
For me personally, I have always believed that to grow as a person, you need to be put out of your comfort zone. You have to do things that make you scared or uncomfortable. I’ve been doing all of that since I arrived at Augie. Classes have been challenging me, I’ve been joining clubs and doing volunteer work, and getting to know people who have challenged me. They broadened my horizons and just really pushed me out there and helped me explore life around me.

Our IPO Office, which is our International Programs Office, is dedicated to make sure that you have the best college experience possible, not just with academics but also in your social life. They also not only make sure that you’re not only doing well in school but you’re also taking care of yourself, having fun, and you’re getting to know the people around you. They will always be there to help you with whatever problems you have, even the smallest things.

If possible, going out of your country and going and taking your college experience would definitely be beneficial for you. Not just academically but also to grow as a person, and whenever possible just explore everything around you.

Harley Tran is a freshman Accounting and Finance double major from Hanoi, Vietnam.

Q&A
Postcards from Abroad: GREECE
HUNTER LIPINSKI
KRISTINA THEODOSOPOULOS

Location: Athens, Greece
Program: CIS Abroad
Program Length: Summer 2019, 3 weeks

Would you recommend Greece?
Hunter: I would 100% recommend Greece. There was never a time while being abroad that I didn’t appreciate the time there.

What was your favorite part?
Kristina: The independence of it. We had a site director, through the beginning and end. We were citizens of Athens for a month. We got to do local things and submerge into the culture around us. With CIS, there were students from all over the U.S. to build relations with, but we also had classes with Greek students, and I loved that.

Did you learn any cool Greek sayings?
Hunter: Yamas is Greek for cheers in a drinking context! No matter where we went, I would always say yamas! In the beginning of my journey I would confuse saying yamas when I meant yassas, or hello, and people would just look at me with a weird face. I’d then realize I definitely just said cheers instead of hello...

Transcript provided by Kolby Vander Woude

Hunter Lipinski and Kristina Theodosopoulos during their summer program in Greece.
Fast Facts

Population: 10.77 million  
Currency: Euro  
Capital: Athens  
Language: Greek

- According to The Guardian, more than 30 million tourists visited last year  
- Greece has over 6,000 islands (only 227 are inhabited)

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