

## Knightly Adventures Abroad

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Advice to future study abroad participants:
Go as early and as often as you can! There's no need to delay!



If I could do it over, I would learn a heck of a lot more Spanish before I left!

Major(s): Environmental Science, Minors in Philosophy & Business Administration

Years/Term Abroad: Spring 2014

I was in the Peru Field School, I chose it because I wanted to explore Peru! The fact that it brought in Environmental issues was just a bonus.

The apartments felt like a hotel, with amazing service. The home stays were an incredible look into the lives of another culture.

My best memory is the hospitality of all the Peruvians, I even got a home grown fruit basket delivered to me at our hotel! Also playing at recess with the children at one of the schools was amazing!

This experience enriched my Bellarmine educational experience because it widened my perspectives in ways that would be impossible in a class by speaking to the locals.

Greatest Challenge: Climbing up some mountains voluntarily, and expressing more complicated speech in Spanish

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: I didn't really experience culture shock, but getting used to American cuisine again after was interesting!

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:

Many aspects of Peruvian life and culture, and loads of Incan history from ancient to modern times.

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." - Henry Miller