

# Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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*Major: Spanish*

**IES: Santiago, Chile**



### Program Highlights:

- Medical Internship
- Homestay
- Orientation Trip

### *How did you experience fit into your major and your Wooster education?*

Going to a Spanish speaking country and experiencing both the culture and language firsthand has been vital to my success as a Spanish major. Wooster encourages students to maintain a global perspective and a consciousness of the relationships between different academic disciplines and real life. I felt that studying abroad not only perfected my ability to communicate in Spanish but also gave me an opportunity for growth both as a Spanish student and as a student in general.

### *What courses did you take and how did you like your courses?*

I took two courses at the IES Center and two classes at the local university (La Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Chile). An advanced grammar class helped me to reinforce my Spanish grammar by studying the current culture, public issues, and structural systems in modern Chile. I took a Medical Spanish class where I learned medical terminology for my internship as well as the structure of the medical system in Chile, insurance policies, and the local issues affecting Chile today. I also took a Medical Observation Class that put me in contact with health care professionals in Chile and learned about the roles of professionals and the challenges they are facing. Finally, I took a literature class in which we focused on urban areas throughout Central and South America.

### *Why did you choose your program and location in particular?*

My program ultimately chose me. I knew I wanted to go to South America, a homestay, classes with locals, and the opportunity to volunteer. I found that the IES Santiago program fit, especially because of the service learning projects and Medical Internship that they offer.

### *What unique experience did you have while abroad that contributed to your education?*

Living with a host family and being forced to ask questions on a daily basis was one of the best educational experiences I had. Not only was I placed out of my comfort zone attempting to communicate in a different language, but I was also hyper aware of my culturally-based habits. Traveling throughout the country taught me a lot about communicating and accomplishing goals. Finally, volunteering at a clinic and in an art gallery broadened my perspective and revealed to me how my studies at Wooster have equipped me with a critical eye and the knowledge of how I learn best.

### IES, Santiago, Chile

Immerse yourself in the culture of Chile on the IES Santiago program, which offers a rigorous semester, academic year, and calendar year curriculum taught in Spanish.

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