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Career/Education Background:

As an undergraduate, I knew I was interested in culture and loved Spanish language. I pursued a bachelor's degree in Spanish and International Studies, with a minor in French. My interest in helping students attain the opportunity to study abroad came shortly after my own semester abroad through the Universidad de Sevilla. My experiences in Spain changed my world perspective and encouraged me to consider a career in higher education. I came to NYU as a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in Higher Education Administration and have been working with NYU's study abroad programs ever since. While my role in the office has evolved, my focus has been helping students identify how study abroad can fit within their personal, academic, and professional plans, and working with the my colleagues at the University to help make dreams of international study a reality!

Why do you think students should study abroad?

I believe in the value of cultural exposure and academic challenges. Study abroad is an ideal platform for students to achieve both—the intellectual and emotional growth, not to mention the opportunity to see the world, cannot be paralleled.

What advice do you have for students who are about to study abroad?

Expand your horizons and push yourself further than you think you can go. I promise you will not regret it.