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ALEXA'S MAJOR(S): business—management, entrepreneurship, international studies and a minor in Spanish

YEAR/TERM ABROAD: spring 2003

REASON YOU CHOSE THIS PROGRAM: Mainly because of the business credits, but I knew I wanted to go back to Spain after having studied in Salamanca the summer after my freshman year. The Seville program was particularly attractive because I could take all of my classes in Spanish.

DESCRIBE THE HOUSING SITUATION: I lived with a señora. It was a great location, a bustling area 25 minutes from downtown, right next to el parque Maria Luisa.

FAVORITE CLASSES: Managing Cultural Diversity, Intensive Business Spanish ("with the best professor during my four years at IU")

BEST MEMORY: One of the most exciting was when we went to Cadiz for Carnivale. It was a last-minute decision to go, and we spent two days and one night without a hotel. Every weekend we traveled throughout Andalucia; we could take \$12 roundtrips on a bus all over the southern part of Spain. The beach was also only an hour and a half away.



Alexa Bosley (kneeling, bottom) and her classmates take a break during a CIEE excursion to Granada, located northeast of Seville. The semester in Seville marked Bosley's third study abroad program.

GREATEST CHALLENGE: To avoid the temptation of speaking English and hanging out only with the Americans.

EXPERIENCES WITH CULTURE SHOCK OR REVERSE CULTURE SHOCK: None really. Just getting used to the temperature changes, which ranged from 30 degrees in January to 95 degrees in May.

COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE: IF I COULD DO IT OVER, I WOULD ... have studied in Seville for a full year but with the business school, it's a bit hard. I was in Honors I-Core, which is only available during the fall, so I had to settle for a semester program.

WHAT YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE GOING ABROAD: I am more self-sufficient and independent than I thought I was.

"Studying abroad expands your horizons on a personal and professional level. The first program I did initiated this hunger to explore more and more. *I definitely can't get enough.*"

ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS: Arrange to be in Sevilla for Semana Santa and Feria, at least for a couple of days, and try to get to know Spaniards early in the semester.