For Elias Davis ‘16 of Computer Science, the study abroad semester he spent in Fall 2016 at University of Carlos III in Madrid, Spain, was “fairly easy” to arrange and allowed him to take three courses to satisfy his degree requirements.

“I took very interesting classes, but mainly enjoyed living in a new city and embracing their culture. Now I see everything with different perspectives,” said Elias, shown above in Madrid’s Old City.

One of his most memorable experiences involved “lying on a boat with friends in the middle of Retiro Park on a Sunday, relaxing. I travelled a lot and saw a lot of beautiful cities, but I mostly enjoyed relaxing and taking everything in on days like this.”
Speaking of those travels and beautiful cities, here’s a sampling:

PARIS

Behind Elias you can see padlocks on the railing of this bridge over the River Seine. Since late 2008, tourists have taken to attaching padlocks -- with their first names written or engraved on them -- to bridge railings and grates in Paris and other cities, then throwing the key into river below as a romantic gesture.

Below, a view of the Louvre Palace.