



Past Student Experiences

“The Worldbuilding Based on Historical Worlds class is a wonderful balance of history and fantasy, unified by a collaborative creative writing course structure. Traveling first through the Andalucía region of Spain and analyzing the complex blend of cultures, and then spending a semester creative a unique and intricate world of stories on our own, was incredibly rewarding and engaging—an experience that left me with great friends and countless memories, both across the ocean and in our classroom at RIT.”

-Juliana, *Illustration* (2023 program)

“The entire program was an amazing experience from start to finish, we were introduced to the history, culture, cuisine, and beyond firsthand. Our trip covered an amazing variety of towns and cities in Southern Spain and we got to experience both the past and present of Spain, from touring breath-taking historic cathedrals and mosques to watching a local parade in Cordoba and a fútbol game in Seville! Getting to take those experiences and then collaborate as a class to create our own stories and worlds just tied to the whole experience together.”

- Emily O., *Illustration* (2023 program)

“The program was wonderful! My first time out of the country (besides Canada). Widened my world view! Totally in awe the whole time. Wonderful to explore a country with so much history and culture with such a great group and wonderful instructor. One of my best experiences at RIT. Do it!”

- Annie B., *English* (2024 program)

“Our trip to Spain was a ray of light piercing the heavy clouds of the bleakest time in my life so far. Words cannot do the cathedrals, mosques, and overall aura of the area justice. Even after the trip, the class was still a reprieve for me; I believe any student fond of writing or worldbuilding is doing themselves a favor by choosing this class.” - Patrick M., *Game Design and Development* (2023 program)

“Going to Spain wasn't something that was on my college bingo card to be honest, but I'm really grateful that I went! It really expanded my worldview and provided a valuable in-person confrontation with different cultures and ideologies. It was also really fun meeting new people in the class and then traveling together; it's a great way to make fast friends or to get to know more people!” - Jo S., *3D Digital Design* (2024 program)

“Honestly, I can't choose a favorite moment; it was all just such a good experience. The people I met and got to spend time with made the trip exponentially better than I could've thought, and each event was memorable in its own way. Spain's beauty is unmatched, and its history made for great inspiration in not only the class, but even outside of it in my own life.”

- Matt S., *Humanities, Computing, and Design* (2024 program)