

Time in Spain turns out to be gratifying time

Senior Anna Bock able to gain both an academic and cultural experience while studying in Granada, Spain.

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Senior Anna Bock isn't sure whether she was a Spanish major who decided to study abroad, or if she studied abroad because it is required of Spanish majors at Marietta College.

In any event it gave the Marietta, Ohio, native the opportunity to spend this past summer in Granada, Spain.

Bock, the daughter of Susanne Bock of Marietta, had two one-month sessions of classes totaling 12 credits. Each month she took many cultural excursions, and one overnight trip.

"The whole experience really, but it was gratifying to know that I could travel around and not worry about a language barrier," the Marietta College said about studying abroad.

While in Granada, Bock lived in an apartment with a host family — which consisted of a mother, a father and a 7-year-old son. In the apartment above her host family lived her host father's sister and family.

Bock said that she noticed two big cultural differences.

First was the fact that as of a half of a century ago, Spain was under a dictatorship so most adults do not speak English and their economy is struggling. The second big difference was the daily schedule, which included a siesta in the afternoon — lunch was from 2 to 4 p.m. and nobody ate dinner before 8 p.m.

Bock said she choose to do the required semester during the summer because of her double major in Spanish and biology. She was concerned with being able to fully comprehend the biology material and didn't want to lose any information



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Marietta College senior Anna Bock enjoyed her summer studying abroad in Granada, Spain.

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Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy begun in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835.

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