Comments by students about the 2019 study abroad program “Medieval Europe”

- It was the best study abroad I have ever done. The amount of places we saw and people we met, paired with the incredible history of every place we visited made this trip the most memorable trip I have ever taken!

The tour was a lot of fun and Dr. Classen’s guidance and energy made the program well worthwhile.

When traveling, we always had the most interesting fun when we traveled off the beaten path and away from touristy areas. Never turn down something to do or something to see because it doesn’t seem fun: it always will be, and if you don’t do it, you will most likely regret it.

- I have been able to expand my understanding for my own culture by relating to the ones we observed on the trip. I always strive to learn something new, and this trip definitely fulfilled that desire: I was able to learn so many new things about the language, the culture, and the local history just from being there, watching, listening, and learning.

- This trip has opened my eyes to how the world operates, outside of the US; primarily from everyday things like transportation, food, and daily life. For an American, there is a difference in how life operates in foreign countries, and I will always encourage people, especially American to experience this difference in culture, and most importantly to take time to learn some of the local cultures, customs, and language: the locals always appreciate it when an outsider, especially an American, to put an effort toward learning something of their culture.

- I don’t have anything that would improve the course; it was the best course I have ever taken.