Major: Apparel Product Design
Previous Study Abroad: Japan/Korea

Why did you choose to study in Paris?
As a fashion student, I think everyone wants to go to Paris at least once. It’s the fashion capital of the world and I wanted to see why. I also like to think about how the mindset of a culture affects their fashion.

Most memorable experience:
Dressing for the haute couture show. I’ve done shows before, but the dynamic of it being Paris Fashion Week makes it different. I got to look at the clothes and see how they’re put together and meet the designers.

“For someone going to Paris, I would definitely say to get out as much as you can. Take advantage of weekends and take a lot of pictures because you don’t know if or when you will return.”

Housing:
I had 2 roommates, and if you know anything about international housing, it was very small, but it was adequate. My roommates were great and at least once or twice a week, we had a “family dinner.”

Academics:
The classes were fun and informative. I was very fortunate to get to learn Madame Gres’s draping technique from Madame Picco. It’s a very old technique and not a lot of people know it.

The benefits of Study Abroad:
When you are in America, you get a sense of how American designers see. In Paris, you get more of a universal sense of design. You get an idea of how to be a global designer, so your designs can translate into many different cultures.

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