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# iTeam -- Exploring Integrative Tools for Engagement at Michigan

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*“Despite trying to prepare as much as possible, I was still **unaware of how hard it was to enter a new community** and be in a new place that was different from what I grew up in. I wish that I could have gone there beforehand, experienced the culture for a bit, and then **re-entered with a more open mind** and a better understanding of what I was doing there.”*

*••• **Nicole Kleiman-Moran**  
Study Abroad — Madrid, Spain*

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*“Entering the community that I was working with in Detroit was so much harder than I had expected. **I wish that I had learned to leave my personal baggage at the door** before I went there. It would have helped me to **better serve the community** that I was working with.*

*••• **LSA Junior**  
Semester in Detroit*



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“I would have **benefited from having a community to talk to** about my experience after I returned from Spain. This would have **helped me to really understand the impact** that I had on the community that I worked with.”

••• **LSA Junior**

*Study Abroad — Seville, Spain*



*“I wish I could know **who to ask** when I had questions for **preparation to go abroad**. U-M is such a decentralized campus that often times **good resources** are **unknown to students**.”*

*••• **Alison Climes**  
Study Abroad — Ghana*



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*“I use Instagram and other **social media platforms** a lot to debrief Dance Marathon. It allows me to **summarize what I did in a short blurb**, and I wish that there were other places that I could do that — just for the benefit of myself.”*

*••• **DMUM Participant**  
2012-2016*

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