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
“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
“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