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I am incredibly grateful for the invaluable opportunity to study abroad with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies summer program in Bologna, Italy. During my time there, I delved deep into the origins of organized crime and interventions in global civil wars, gaining an enriching understanding of these complex issues. The experience went far beyond the classroom, as I immersed myself in the vibrant Italian culture, savored the delicious local cuisine, and marveled at the breathtaking scenery that surrounded us. Exploring the streets of Bologna, I felt connected to the city's history and charm, making lifelong memories with fellow students who shared the same passion for learning.

The program's comprehensive curriculum and dedicated faculty opened my mind to new perspectives and ideas. The opportunity to attend conventions and conferences allowed me to engage with experts and practitioners in the field, broadening my knowledge beyond textbooks and lectures. Moreover, the chance to travel to iconic locations like Pisa, Sicily, and Venice enriched my experience even further. Each new place provided unique insights into Italy's rich history and diverse landscapes, complementing my academic pursuits.

Overall, my time studying abroad in Bologna was a transformative experience that not only deepened my understanding of organized crime and global civil wars but also enriched my life in immeasurable ways.

