

# Ramatou Sanogo

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador  
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***“Studying abroad broadened my outlook on the world and granted me with so many more perspectives. As an American living in the U.S., I was always on the more comfortable and confident side of the language spectrum. Going to Korea, I experienced the opposite as I tried to communicate in Korean. This deepened my understanding and helped me better understand the realities for those who are living in countries where their first languages are not spoken.”***

Ramatou studied abroad as a Gilman scholar during the spring of 2022 at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea. Her time in South Korea enabled her to gain better fluency in Korean and learn about international relations from a non-European, non-American point of view.

Ramatou credits her Gilman Program experience with opening her eyes to the ways that different cultures interact and how people can better relate to one another. She also was able to explore her curiosity about law as the university in South Korea offered law courses that were not available at her home institution. Ramatou is now in the process of preparing to apply to law school.

As an undergraduate student at Mount Holyoke College, Ramatou was a program assistant for the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives and an external relations assistant. She also was an orientation leader and captain. She is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and meet with students to discuss study abroad in all its aspects. She also is looking forward to promoting the Gilman Scholarship to U.S. students.

- Hometown: New York, New York
- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from Mount Holyoke College (2023)
- Recipient of the Korean Language Award (2023), which is granted to graduating seniors who made the most progress in two years of Korean courses and contributed to the Korean Language Program at Mount Holyoke College
- Recipient of an MHC Service and Leadership Award (2023), which is granted to students who consistently gave their time, energy, and talents to promote positive change and growth in the Mount Holyoke College community and motivated others to do the same

