

A week in the life of our Social Anthropology student, Gemma



Hi! I'm Gemma, a 3rd year BSocSci Social Anthropology student at the University of Manchester. I'm from Portugal, and am now a professional scuba diver after getting my PADI Divemaster qualification in September. This year, my focus will be on my dissertation, which I am basing around six months of volunteer work I recently undertook in Calais, France. I am also really looking forward to the other modules I am taking this year, especially the Anthropology of Health and Wellbeing, as I am very interested in societal attitudes towards people with HIV/AIDS. My favourite aspect of my course is the variability – in one week alone one I can do readings on topics such as cave paintings, volunteer work in Rwanda, tuberculosis, and so much more!

Formal study hours

Informal study hours

Student society

Part-time work

Social activities

Monday	09:00-13:00 Read key readings in preparation for lecture tomorrow		13:00-14:00 Meeting with dissertation supervisor	14:00-15:00 Picnic lunch in Whitworth Park	15:00-19:00 Coffee and independent study in the Main Library	19:00-21:00 Rehearsal with the Pantomime Society for Scooby Doo: The Panto!
Tuesday	10:00-12:00 Anthropology of Health and Wellbeing Lecture	10:00-12:00 Anthropology of Health and Wellbeing Tutorial	13:00-14:00 Lunch at the Student Union with friends	14:00-16:00 Dissertation Seminar	16:00-18:00 Catch-up phonecalls and FaceTimes with family and friends	18:00-22:00 Group dinner and movie night with my housemates
Wednesday	09:00-12:00 Read key readings in preparation for lecture tomorrow		12:00-13:00 Lunch at home	13:00-16:00 Student Ambassador work	16:00-18:00 Visual Anthropology film screening	18:00-23:00 Karaoke night at Barpop in 'Gay Village'
Thursday	09:00-11:00 Anthropology of Vision, Senses and Memory Lecture	11:00-12:00 Meeting with academic advisor	12:00-13:00 Meal deal lunch with course mates	13:00-19:00 Independent study in the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons		19:00-21:00 Rehearsal with the Pantomime Society for Scooby Doo: The Panto!
Friday	10:00-11:00 Anthropology of Vision, Senses and Memory Tutorial	11:00-12:00 Listen to a podcast and wander around campus	12:00-16:00 Work on dissertation		16:00-18:00 Trying out new vegan restaurants in Manchester	18:00-22:00 Stand-up comedy show in the Northern Quarter
Saturday	09:00-13:00 Volunteer work with George House Trust		13:00-15:00 Lunch on 'Curry Mile' with sister	15:00-18:00 Independent study, preparing for next week's lectures		18:00-00:00 Night out with friends!
Sunday	11:00-13:00 Charity shopping with friends		13:00-17:00 Meal-prepping dinners for next week		17:00-21:00 Chill night in, catching up on TV shows from the past week	