

## A week in the life of our Spanish and Portuguese student, Katie



**Hi, my name is Katie, and I am a second-year student at the University of Manchester studying Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American studies BA.** I am from Macclesfield, Cheshire, and I studied Spanish at A-Level and began studying Portuguese from beginner level at university. I have since developed a passion for learning languages and hope to learn more in future. That said, there is much more to my course than just learning the languages themselves. In fact, one of my favourite things about my course is that it allows me to learn so much about different cultures and immerse myself in the arts and customs of Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries. Whilst I have not chosen to add any more languages this year to my studies, the nature of the course allows for so much flexibility and free choice in module selection, therefore you can pick up languages from beginners at the start of first and second year. So far this year, I have had lots of meetings and information surrounding my year abroad next year, which has enabled me to research whether I would like to study or work in a range of different European and Latin American countries. We have discussed the benefits of both studying at overseas universities and working for the year.

Formal study hours

Informal study hours

Student society

Part-time work

Social activities

Monday	11:00-11:30 Take bus to Alan Gilbert Learning Commons	11:30-12:30 Portuguese Homework	12:30-14:00 Pre-recorded Lecture - Empire and its Aftermath in Portugal	14:00-15:00 Eat lunch in AGLC Café	15:00-18:00 Working on assignments	18:00-21:00 Quiz Night with friends at Student Union Bar 532
Tuesday	09:00-11:00 Working on assignments	11:00-12:00 Oral Class - Portuguese Language	12:00-15:00 Preparation for Spanish Grammar class	15:00-17:00 Spanish Grammar and Oral class	17:00-18:30 Research universities for Year Abroad	19:00-20:00 Yoga Class
Wednesday	09:00-11:00 Seminar - Linguistics	11:00-13:00 Portuguese Grammar Class	13:00-16:00 Prepare for Thursday and Friday's classes	16:00-17:00 SALC Residence Abroad Zoom call	17:30-19:30 Cineclub	20:00-23:00 Zoom call home friends
Thursday	11:00-13:00 Seminar - Empire and its Aftermath in Portugal	13:00-14:00 Eat/walk around campus with friends	14:00-15:00 Spanish Writing Class	15:00-17:00 Individual Study/ Post-seminar work	15:00-17:00 Individual Study/ Post-seminar work	
Friday	09:00-10:00 Residence Abroad Meeting	11:00-12:00 Tutorial - Linguistics	12:00-16:00 Individual Study in AGLC	16:00-17:00 Short break/walk around campus	17:00-19:00 Individual Study in AGLC	20:00-01:00 Go to pub with friends
Saturday	10:00-12:00 Make breakfast with housemates			12:00 - 14:00 Watch movie with friends		
Sunday	12:00-18:00 Visit family at home			18:00-22:00 Finish preparation for the following week's classes		