

A week in the life of our Russian and Spanish student, Ben



Hi, I'm Ben and I'm a final year Russian and Spanish student. Thanks to my degree I have been able to travel to places I didn't even know existed and make friends with people whom I wouldn't have even been able to communicate with before. As someone who started Russian from scratch in first year, it's been incredibly rewarding to watch my language skills grow thanks to the excellent teaching here at Manchester and my hard work. The thing I enjoy most about studying here is the standard of teaching from the language tutors, and also because Manchester is such a multicultural city it means that you don't have to travel far to practice your target language, whether it's attending an event at the Instituto Cervantes or chatting with the cashier at my favourite Ukrainian corner shop.

Formal study hours

Informal study hours

Student society

Part-time work

Social activities

Monday	10:00-11:00 Russian Language class	11:00-13:00 Library study session	13:00-14:00 Eat my lunch in Lime Cafe with friends	14:00-15:00 Russian Language class	15:00-16:00 Go over notes in library	16:00-18:00 Intro to Interpreting Lecture	19:00-20:30 Judo
Tuesday	09:00-11:00 Spanish Language: Grammar and Oral	11:00-12:00 Have a coffee with my course mates	12:00-13:00 Culture Media and Politics in the USSR and Post-Soviet Russia lecture		14:00-16:00 Study in the Main Library	16:00-17:30 Polish Language class	19:00-22:00 Have tea with my housemates
Wednesday	09:00-10:00 Call my Spanish language exchange partner	10:00-12:00 Have brunch at home before heading to uni	12:00-13:00 Russian Language	13:30-14:30 Have lunch at home	15:00-17:00 Seminar Prep	18:00-19:30 Judo	19:30-21:00 Go to the pub after Judo
Thursday	09:00-10:00 Go to the gym	11:00-13:00 Go over class notes from the week	14:00-15:00 Spanish Translation	16:00-17:00 Russian Language	17:30-18:30 Online language exchange with my Ukrainian friends		19:00-21:00 Pasta night with my housemates
Friday	12:00-13:30 Polish Language class	14:00-14:45 Have lunch at the Lime Cafe	15:00-17:00 Culture, Media and Politics in USSR and Post-Soviet Russia seminar		17:00-18:00 Spanish Interpreting seminar		18:30-22:00 Relax at home with my housemates
Saturday	09:00-10:00 Run my English speaking club for Ukrainians		11:00-12:00 Go to the gym	13:00-16:00 Study at home		22:00 onwards Go out to town with my mates	
Sunday	11:00-13:00 Go for a walk in the park with housemates		14:00-16:00 Prepare for tomorrow's lectures and classes		19:30-20:30 Get a takeaway from somewhere on the Curry Mile		20:30-22:30 Watch Netflix with my housemates