

A week in the life of our Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Studies 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. The nature of the course allows for so much flexibility and free choice in module selection, therefore you can pick up new languages from scratch or modules from other subject areas. 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.

Formal study hours
Informal study hours
Student society
Part-time work
Social activities

Monday	09:00-10:30 Have breakfast and head into uni	10:30-12:30 Independent study in the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons	12:30-13:30 Lunch break with friends in the SU	13:30-16:00 Further study in the library	16:00-17:00 Portuguese Oral class	20:00-22:00 Swim training at Manchester Aquatics Centre	
Tuesday	08:00-08:45 Morning run	10:00-12:00 English Word and Sentence Structure lecture (free choice module!)	12:00-14:00 Eat lunch and do seminar prep for Spanish	14:00-16:00 Portuguese Language class	16:30-18:30 Prepare for English tutorial	18:30 onwards Quiz night at SU	
Wednesday	09:00-10:30 Reading and final preparation for Spanish class	11:00-12:00 Spanish writing class	12:00-13:00 Portuguese assignment work in Lime Cafe	13:00-14:00 Clean kitchen, do laundry and make dinner	16:00-18:00 SALC Residence Abroad meeting	19:00 onwards Swim social at Nest and 256 in Fallowfield	
Thursday	09:00-10:00 English Word and Sentence Structure tutorial	10:00-11:30 Watch recorded Empire and its Aftermath in Portugal lecture	11:30-14:00 Consolidate notes from lectures over the week	14:00-16:00 Empire and its Aftermath in Portugal seminar	16:00-19:00 Read <i>O Primo Basilio</i> for Portuguese Literature module	20:00-21:00 Swim training	21:00 onwards Cinema with friends
Friday	11:00-12:30 Reading for Portuguese Literature	12:30-14:00 Watch pre-recorded English lecture	14:00-16:00 Study Spanish grammar in the library	16:30-19:30 Lifeguarding shift	20:00 onwards Drinks in the Gay Village		
Saturday	10:00-13:00 Reading for the following week			18:00-20:00 Group meal with my housemates	20:00 onwards Go to the local pub in Fallowfield		
Sunday	08:00-11:00 Lifeguarding shift	12:00-13:00 Weekly food shop	14:00-16:00 Walk in Whitworth Park	16:00-19:00 Prepare some meals for the following week	19:00 onwards Early night ready for lectures on Monday		