

A week in the life of our Arabic and French student, Eleanor



Hi, my name is Elli and I'm currently in my second year studying Arabic and French! I really enjoy studying Arabic and French at UoM because the course allows me to combine my love for language learning with my interests in history, politics, literature, and art; this year, I'm taking modules in post-colonial Arabic literature, French cinema, and Middle Eastern politics. The AMES department is super welcoming, and the social events we have throughout the year are a great way to get to know other AMES students across different year groups. The small class sizes and high number of contact hours means that we can progress quickly in our language skills, which we can use on our year abroad; I'll be spending my third year in Jordan, which is what drew me to the course at Manchester! This year, I'm living in Fallowfield, which is a lively student area with its own pubs and cafes; it's also really easy to get into the city centre. Manchester is such a great place to be a student – there's always something to do. My friends and I love going to explore the Northern Quarter, which has some great live jazz in the evenings!

Formal study hours

Informal study hours

Student society

Part-time work

Social activities

Monday	9-10 Arabic grammar lecture	Do weekly shop with friends on the way back from Uni	3-4 French speaking class	4-6 Arab and Jewish nationalisms lecture	8-9 Go to yoga class with friends at the Armitage	Evening Finish seminar reading for post colonial Arabic lit module
Tuesday	9am Phone my family in Japan	12-2 post colonial Arabic literature lecture	2-3 Make Arabic vocab flashcards and practise verb conjugation	3-5 Arabic language class	7-8pm Languages netball team training	Evening Go to friend's house
Wednesday	Morning Independent study for French speaking portfolio	12-1 Arabic grammar lecture	3-3.30 Meeting with my Academic Advisor to discuss year abroad	6-8pm Languages netball team match	Evening Netball social at Haus and 256	
Thursday	10-11 Arab and Jewish nationalisms seminar	11-12 Go to café to write blogpost for uni content creation	12.30 – 1.30 Practise Arabic speaking with course mates in Ali G	Evening Cook dinner and watch a film with housemates		
Friday	10-11 Arabic language workshop	11-12 post colonial Arabic lit seminar	12-1 Arabic listening and speaking class	2-4 French writing class	Evening Go to XLR to watch my housemate DJ	
Saturday	9-4 Open Day work				Evening Pub with housemates	
Sunday	11-2 Bake with my housemates		3-5 Complete seminar reading for Arab and Jewish nationalisms module		Evening Make shopping list, make to do lists for next week, tidy room	