

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



Hi, I'm Nia! I am currently in my fourth and final year at the University of Manchester, studying Spanish and Portuguese. I recently completed my year abroad where I studied in The University of Porto, Portugal for the first semester, and the University of Alcalá (Madrid) for the second semester. This has been the highlight of my degree so far, living in two beautiful cities and meeting new people and really challenging myself; such an invaluable experience that I feel so lucky to have been able to do. Studying languages can undoubtedly be difficult at times, but I also get a lot of gratification knowing that I am learning a skill that I will be able to carry with me for the rest of my life. I have also found the teachers to be extremely reliable and supportive, and genuinely excited about what they are teaching – which just amplifies the whole experience and makes me want to learn even more. I love the University of Manchester because I feel like you get the best of both worlds. The campus is beautiful and full of history, but with a short bus ride you can be in the city centre which is chocked full of culture, and restaurants and bars and incredible nightlife.

Formal study hours

Informal study hours

Student society

Part-time work

Social activities

Monday	7:00 – 8:30 Gym	10:00 – 11:00 Weekly food shop and meal prep	13:00 – 15:00 Spanish Grammar and Oral Class	17:00 – 18:00 Portuguese Oral Class	Evening Cheer Training	Evening Home, Dinner and Relax
Tuesday	9:00 – 10:00 Amazon Literature Lecture	10:00 – 11:00 Latin American Supernatural Literature Lecture	12:00 – 13:00 Portuguese Translation Class	13:00 – 14:00 Study Break – Lunch with Friends	14:00 – 16:00 Amazon Literature Seminar	Evening Pub with friends
Wednesday	10:00 – 11:00 Gym	12:00 – 16:00 Work Shift	17:00 – 18:30 Seminar preparations	Evening Have dinner and get ready to go out	Evening Sports Social at 256/ the SU	
Thursday	10:30 – 13:30pm Seminar prep	15:00 – 16:00 Portuguese Writing Class	16:00 – 18:00 Latin American Supernatural Literature Seminar	18:00 – 19:00 Cheer Training	Evening Home, have dinner and facetime my family	
Friday	08:00 – 09:00 Gym	11:00 – 14:00 Language weekly assignments for the next week	14:30 – 15:30 Meet course mates for a coffee	16:00 – 17:00 Spanish Writing Class	Evening Dinner with housemates	Evening Going to the pub then into town to go clubbing
Saturday	10:00 – 12:00 Long walk in the park with my best friend	13:00 – 16:00 Go into town to do some shopping			Evening Get a takeaway and have a movie night with my best friends	
Sunday	10:00 – 13:00 Cheer Training	13:00 – 14:00 Go to brunch with my cheer friends		15:00 – 18:00 Tidy room, make a to-do list for the week, do my washing	Evening Read in bed, get an early night for the next week	