



Thomas Telford Alumni Students - An insight into University Life!

Name:

Erin

A Levels / BTEC Courses studied at TTS:

English Lit, Maths, RS, Single performing Arts

What course and where are you currently studying:

(LLB) Law and Politics at University of Manchester.

1. What is the best part about student life?

Being able to have freedom and independence to be open to new experiences.

2. Are you happy with the course you have chosen, and what is the best part about it?

Very happy with the course, I really enjoy studying law, and accompanied with politics means I have a bit more diversity in my weekly schedule!

3. How much contact time do you have with course staff and lecturers?

4 hours of law lectures 2 hours of seminars (PW)

4 hours of Politics lectures 2 hours of seminars (PW)

4. How have you coped with self-managed learning? How have you found the change from classroom work to more independent learning, such as attending lectures, managing your own workload, taking notes from lectures and writing assignments?

Definitely was a big change from TTS, a lot more independent study- I found going to the library to study was a lot more productive as I felt like I was working for set hours. It can be hard to manage the workload but I make timetables to keep on top of it.

5. How much work do you have to do outside lectures? And are your lecturers there to give support. How well do you know your tutor?

I have a personal tutor who I can meet with at almost any time, I have been to see her 4 times and email her if I have any issues. I also can see any members of faculty if I need to.

6. Do you have time to get a part-time job, either on campus or nearby?

Yes, I am looking to start one next year- I wanted to settle into uni life more this year and got part time jobs whenever I was home for holidays.

7. Would you recommend joining as many extra curriculum activities as possible to get the most out of the student experience? What societies do you belong to?

One of the best things to do, I joined Manchester and Salford University Air Squadron and the Law society.

8. What has been the hardest thing about embracing university life?

Having a big cohort in lectures

9. What is living in Halls like? How safe do you feel?

I lived in 2 halls as my originally selected one was yet to finish being built. I felt very safe both times.

10. How often do you travel home? Has it been easy to get home when you have needed too?

I travel home every few months, it is a bit over an hour's train journey.

11. How do you manage money, and have you been able to budget well, or has money been tight?

I manage money well, plan my food out for the week before a shop and try to stick to student nights out.

12. What if you don't get on with people, and you don't want to join a drinking culture? What other clubs and societies are there?

Yes there is a wide range of societies.

13. Are there people you can talk to, who can help with stress and anxiety?

Yes. I spoke to my personal tutor about experiencing stress and she reassured me I was doing fine.

14. Is there anything else you wish you had known when researching or selecting Universities? Or any advice you want to pass on to current students:

Look at if you want a campus, or city. Be realistic about how far you want to be away from home, Manchester was perfect for me.

Look at the course modules carefully. Learn how to do basic cooking/cleaning before leaving- a lot of people in my halls struggled with this.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. We appreciate your help!
Best wishes for the future from all of us at Thomas Telford School.**