

# A typical week at university...

The following first year university timetable and accompanying notes were written by a current student studying [Film at Edinburgh Napier University](#). They are intended to provide school pupils with a realistic picture of a typical week in first year studying this subject at this particular university. It's worth remembering that first year university timetables can vary widely depending on the degree subject, university and lifestyle of the student.

## Monday

- I was unlucky and had a big chunk of classes all on one day, but sometimes we were only in one or two of the classes and there would be workshops across the rest of the week.
- Initially, this time would be spent watching films as stimuli for upcoming projects. We would consider the approaches of the examples shown and discuss which we found to be effective and why. The weeks following, we would pitch ideas, assemble teams, and start the writing process.
- In script workshops, our lecturers would read scripts ahead of time and ask us questions about the narrative, our intentions, and give us feedback on how to improve
- In camera/sound workshops we would be taught the practical skills and knowledge required for operating the camera, as well as the theory of cinematography. These are practical workshops in which we demonstrated what we had learned.
- We often watched examples and recreated.
- Would often grab food before a night out, I took this as a chance to try different local places around the city
- Night outs were a great chance to get to know people from your flat, course, accommodation etc.

## Tuesday

- Film theory is split into two classes – a class on theory and a screening class. The screening class was often on the Tuesday with a tutorial on what we watched the following Wednesday or Thursday.
- Here we learned about the different arguments put forward by film theorists, relating to film history especially in your first year.
- After class we would go and get coffee somewhere local, this was a good time to socialise with classmates and to break the day.

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## Tuesday (continued)

- Studying would be a lot lighter at the start of term and grow a lot more important as deadlines piled on. Time spent writing scripts, researching/writing essays, or doing readings
- Our local cinema did a film every Tuesday for £2. We went every week more or less and saw loads of the latest films

## Wednesday

- Exploring the city was a very important part of first year for me. This is how I found new places to eat, things to do, walks etc. Helped embrace the new experiences that come with university.
- Important to set time to tidy room otherwise it doesn't get done, especially if it's your first time living away from home
- Cooking meals for the next few days helps manage time and saves money
- Nights in to yourself are important – you need time alone to acclimatise and recharge, it is easy to spread yourself too thin

## Thursday/Friday

- On Thursday I spend a few hours doing independent study in the morning followed by a two hour editing workshop.
- I set up a weekly phone call with my mum to keep up to date which I still do today
- You may have to work to afford going out, etc.

## Saturday (same as Friday)

## Sunday

- I would go out for a leisurely stroll in the morning to set the tone for the day
- Flat chores are important as your flat gets messy very quickly – make rotas and stick to them to avoid internal tensions
- Weekly shops are a hard habit to get into but they are a lot cheaper and time saving.

**University:** Edinburgh Napier  
**Course:** BA Film  
**Year:** First

## A typical student week...



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8-9.00							Walk
9-10.00							
10-11.00	Script Workshop		Explore City	Studying	Phone Home		
11-12noon	Script Workshop	Film Theory	Explore City	Studying	Study		Flat Chores
12-13.00	Lunch	Coffee	Explore City				Tidying room
13-14.00	Camera Workshop	Studying		Editing Workshop			Meal Prep
14-15.00	Camera Workshop	Studying		Editing Workshop		Work	
15-16.00	Sound Workshop	Studying	Out with friends			Work	Weekly Shop
16-17.00	Out for food	Meal Prep	Out with friends	Tidy room		Work	
17-18.00					Work	Work	
18-19.00			Chores	Chores	Work	Work	Dinner
19-20.00		Cinema Night	Social		Work	Work	Study
20-21.00		Cinema Night	Study		Work	Work	Movie Night
21- Late	Night Out	Out with friends	Night Out		Work	Work	Movie Night