

A Day in the Life of... a Business Management Student

Who am I?

I'm Mostafa Ahmed, a 2nd-year Business Management, Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship student at City's Business School. I have worked at many events in the university that include talking to students who want to study a business-related degree when they finish school. Some of the questions I have been asked numerous amount of times are, 'Are you able to balance your studies and your social life?', 'Are all your days busy with lectures and tutorials?' and 'Do you have time to explore the city and socialise with your friends and do other activities?'. So, I thought it would be a good idea to write about a day in my life as a business management student to give you a realistic idea with more insights and details on how a normal day would be.

So, how does a day in the life of a Business Management student look like?

8-9 AM

My alarm goes off! I'm lucky enough to be living in halls that are just 2 mins away from campus. Living in halls is a very enjoyable experience, sometimes it might get a bit noisy but overall its good as it makes it a lot easier to socialise and make friends. Usually, my lectures start at 9 on the dot, so I have one hour from 8 to 9 to get ready for the day, shower, eat a hearty breakfast and review my schedule.

9-11 AM

My first class of the day starts. Usually, before any lectures, the slides for the lecture would be on the university site (moodle) before the lecture by a couple of days. I go briefly through these slides and do any readings related to the topic before attending the lecture. Most lectures have about 100 students in them, depending on the module. The professor would present the slides and talk about them using a projector so that everyone in the lecture hall can see the content. During the lecture, I like to take notes to make studying and revising later on easier.

11-12 AM

After the lecture, I have a one-hour break. I either go back to my studio if I have anything that I need to do. Or, I stay at the university and socialise with my friends in city café or any other place since the university has many places to socialise in.

12-2 PM

Now is the time for my second lecture. I like the way lectures are given, so you can take notes on paper or on whatever device you have during the lecture. Not to forget to mention

that, it's really important to pay attention during the lecture as some lecturers like to engage with the students and ask questions which is fun.

2-3 PM

Now that I'm done with my lectures for the day, I'm ready for some lunch. I have a lot of options for lunch since the halls I live in are 2 mins away from the campus. Which means I can go home and have whatever I feel like. But, most of the time I tag up with my friends and grab something from eat city, which is the university's cafeteria. I like eat city, because they always have a very diverse menu, with new food items almost every day.

3-4 PM

After lunch is over, I have one tutorial before I'm done with university for the day. Tutorials are usually in small groups of people, anything between 15-30 students. During tutorials, you can ask questions about anything that you didn't understand during the lecture. Tutorials are focused on doing specific tasks or projects to be completed with small groups within your tutorial.

4-5:30 PM

I'm now finally done with university. I either go back to my studio to unwind and have some time to relax and rest or hang out with my friends around the university for some time.

5:30-8:30 PM

I play for the university's American Football team. We have practices consistently every week from 6-8. I get ready and leave the halls by 5:30 so I can reach the pitch by 6. The American Football team has given me the opportunity to make friends and create bonds with many different people who study different courses and from different backgrounds. By the time the training is over, I'm usually back home by 8:30.

9:30-12:30 AM (or later)

At this point, I'm done with everything that requires me to be out. I just stay in my studio, do my homework and assignments that have been assigned to us and prepare for the next day. If I manage to finish early, I can have some more time to watch a series or play games before going to bed.

And that's it really. Of course, not every day is the same. Some days there are some societies events that I go to, some days I'm lucky enough to not have any lectures or have 1 lecture, so I have more time to do whatever I feel like. I hope this has given you a realistic idea of how your day could possibly be when you join university!