

## A Day in the Life of an... Economics and Accounting student

My name is Naomi and I am a third-year student studying Economics with Accounting at City. I'm going to bring you along for a day in my life as a university student. Every day is a little bit different, but this should give you an idea of what university living is really like.

So, let's start right at the beginning!

**8am** – Today my classes don't start until 11am, so I can have a relaxed morning. I usually make a cup of tea and have some breakfast. After I've eaten, I finish off some reading ahead of my lecture later. I don't always manage to read the material beforehand, but I find it much easier to follow the lecture if I have a little bit of background.

**10am** – This is when I leave home to get to my class on time. I live in some of the university's student halls in Newington Green, so it takes around 45 minutes to get to university. I usually walk to class to save money and get some exercise, but if I'm running late, I hop on a bus to speed things up!

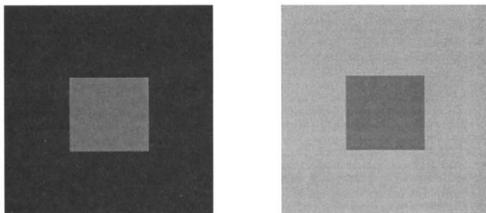


FIGURE 5. REFERENCE-DEPENDENCE IN THE PERCEPTION OF BRIGHTNESS

**11am** – This morning my lecture is on Behavioural Economics; my favourite one of the week. It's a fascinating subject which applies Psychology to Economic Theory, especially with respect to decision making. Today we learned about the effects of framing – i.e. things seem different based on what is around them. For example, if you look at these two squares below, the middle square looks lighter on the left and darker on the right. They are in fact the same colour, but they appear different based on what is around them. Our brains are curious things!



**1pm** – The lecture was two hours long (with a break in the middle!) which is typical for most of my classes. I have four lectures per week as well as some practical sessions to help apply what we learn. This means that I don't have much teaching, but I spend some time outside of lessons studying the topics we are learning about. Today I only had one class so now I have some free time. I have a committee meeting for my society later, but first I meet my friend Jo for lunch. We usually get a meal deal from Tesco – we always play a fun game of how much money can you save under the £3 deal by choosing high value items... broke students have fun too! After lunch we head to our meeting. It's exciting to be involved in running a society and planning the events we put on. I am the finance officer so it's also really good work experience and something for my CV.

**3pm** – My afternoons vary a lot, but today I am working at an event at the university. I am a student ambassador which means I get paid to work at the university. It's a great part-time job while at university because it's very flexible and I get to meet loads of other students from across the university. Lots of my closest friends are also student ambassadors, so events are always a lot of fun! If I'm not working or attending my society,

I usually stick around at university to get some work done and then head out for the evening.

**7pm** – It's well and truly dinner time now! I love to cook my own meals – it not only saves money, but I also get to spend time with my flatmates while they're cooking too. We always have lots of fun in the kitchen playing games and laughing at the way one of the flatmates cuts her cheese (she carves out the middle in case you were curious!).

**9pm** – Today is one of those rare days I may get an early night. And by early night I mean I'll probably watch a little too much YouTube and then eventually fall asleep. And tomorrow will be a whole new day full of more classes, food, friends and hopefully some fun!

I hope this gives you an insight into what student life could be like, and hopefully you can see how many opportunities there are to make you experience unique and exciting!