University of Warwick Department of Italian 'Year Abroad' Survey



1. Did the opportunity to do a Year Abroad influence your decision to study Italian at the University of Warwick?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I wanted to do the Year Abroad.	93.3%	14
No, I did not really want to do a Year Abroad	0.0%	0
No, the opportunity to do a Year Abroad did not effect my decision to study at Warwick,	6.7%	1
Unsure	0.0%	0
	answered question	15
	skipped question	0

2. Why did you choose to study Italian at University?

Response	
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14	answered question	
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3. Are you planning to participate in any language courses while you are in Italy?		
Response Count	Response Percent	
13	86.7%	Yes
	6.7%	No
	6.7%	Unsure
1,	If yes, please what course/s will you participate in?	
1	answered question	
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	skipped question	
	first choice of location?	5. Were you allocated your
Respons Count	Response Percent	
1	100.0%	Yes
	0.0%	No
1	s city? If no, where was your first choice and why did you choose it?	If yes, why did you choose th
1	answered question	

6. Do you feel well prepared	I for your time in Italy?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.3%	9
No	7.1%	1
Unsure	28.6%	4
If you answered no, is there	additional support or information you would have liked to receive? Or adidtional things you would have liked to have done?	2
	answered question	14
	skipped question	1
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9. What additional benefits do you expect to gain from your study abroad experience in Italy?	
	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	1
10. What do you expect to enjoy about your Year Abroad in Italy?	
	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	1
11. What do you expect to find difficult about living and studying in Italy?	
	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	1

12. Have you identified personal goals for the Year Abroad (e.g. linguistic, personal?)

Response Count	Response Percent	
10	71.4%	Yes
1	7.1%	No
3	21.4%	Unsure
٥	If yes, what are they?	

14	answered question	
1	skipped question	

13. If you answered yes to the previous question, what strategies are you planning to use to achieve your goals for the year?

Response	
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answered question	9
skipped question	6

14. What networks do you utilise most frequently at home (or university) to manage stress?

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15. What strategies will you employ, in the city where you are based, to maintain and/or replace the networks you referred to in the previous question during your Year Abroad?

Response Count

answered question 13
skipped question 2

16. Have you accessed any ERASMUS resources (e.g. facebook page)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	92.9%	13
No	7.1%	1

If yes, what have you accessed?

answered question 14

13

skipped question 1

17. Have you done any research, in addition to your formal studies, to prepare for your time in Italy? Choose multiple responses if relevant.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, reading factual material about Italy and/or the city where you will be living?	57.1%	8
Yes, reading fiction about Italy and/or the city where you will be living?	7.1%	1
Yes, talking to people who have visited Italy	78.6%	11
No, not interested	0.0%	0
No, have not had time	0.0%	0
No, I have visited before	21.4%	3
	Other (please specify)	1

answered question	14
skipped question	1

18. How would you describe Italian culture based on your existing knowledge and perceptions? List a few keywords or dot points.

Response
Count

12	answered question	
3	skipped question	

19. What key social (or political) issues are you aware of in Italy? Please describe these issues and how you found out about them?

Response Count

11	
11	answered question
4	skipped question

20. What is your date of birth?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Date of Birth	100.0%	14
	answered question	14
	skipped question	1

21. Are you the first in your family to attend university (including your parents)?

Response Count	Response Percent	
3	23.1%	Yes
10	76.9%	No
13	answered question	
2	skipped question	

22. Have you lived away from your family home for an extended period of time before?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	78.6%	11
No	21.4%	3
	If yes, where and for how long?	11
	answered question	14
	skipped question	1
23. What has your average	grade been in your university exams so far?	Response Count
		13
	answered question	13
	skipped question	2
24. What is your country of	permanent residence or citizenship?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
United Kingdom	78.6%	11
Other	21.4%	3
	Please specify	3
	answered question	14

25. Have you lived or studie	ed abroad before?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	28.6%	
No	71.4%	1
	If yes, where, when and for how long?	
	answered question	
	unswered question	1
	skipped question	1
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26. Where were you born?	skipped question	

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skipped questio	n 1

27. Do you have Italian heritage? Response Response Percent Count Yes 14.3% 2 No 85.7% 12 Unsure 0.0% 0 answered question 14 skipped question 1

28. Will you be visiting family or friends in Italy?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Family	7.1%	1
Friends	57.1%	8
Both	14.3%	2
Neither	21.4%	3
	answered question	14
	skipped question	1

29. Have you visited Italy before?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	14
No	0.0%	0

If you answered yes, how many times have your visited Italy and for how long? For what reasons did you visit? (e.g. holiday, work, visiting family or friends)?

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30. How long have you been learning Italian? (Including outside of your Warwick degree)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 year	28.6%	4
2-5 years	35.7%	5
6-10 years	21.4%	3
More than 10 years	0.0%	0
I speak Italian with my family	14.3%	2
	answered question	14
	skipped question	1

31. Do you speak any languages other than English or Italian?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.3%	9
No	35.7%	5

If yes, please specify which languages.

answered question 14

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skipped question

32. Have you completed a gap year?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	14.3%	2
No	85.7%	12

If yes, how did you spend most of your time ? (e.g. travelling, working)

answered question 14

skipped question 1

33. If you answered yes to the previous question, what were some of the outcomes, for you, of taking a gap year?

Response
Count

1	answered question	
14	skipped question	

34. Do you intend to return to Italy after your Year Abroad to work or undertake further study?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	42.9%	6
No	14.3%	2
Unsure	42.9%	6

If yes, what are your plans?

answered question	14
skipped question	1

35. Do you plan to use your Italian language skills in a professional context when you graduate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		78.6%	11
No		7.1%	1
Unsure		14.3%	2
If	you answered yes, what type of work would	you most like to pursue?	11
		answered question	14

36. Please use the space below to list extra points you would like to make, or feedback you would like to provide to the Department of Italian, about your experience of preparing for your Year Abroad.

Response	
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5	answered question	
10	skipped question	

1	I have always wanted to learn the Italian language and the Italian course at Warwick provided the opportunity to take up this course from beginner level.	Nov 22, 2011 4:37 /
2	I wanted to start another language as I already studied French. Also I went to Rome the year before applying to Warwick and I was frustrated that I could not respond to Italian people who tried to speak to me. After enjoying Rome so much and knowing I'd have the opportunity to go abroad there by studying at Warwick, I took up the opportunity.	Oct 12, 2011 11:37
3	I have also wanted to be bilingual and Italian was my favourite out of all the languages I had studied.	Oct 11, 2011 1:19 A
4	I enjoyed studying the language at school and wanted to take this further, as well as learning more about Italian culture and studying Italian literature at University. The year abroad was also something I was very interested in as I feel that the opportunity to study abroad is incredible.	Sep 29, 2011 7:16 /
5	Desire to learn and study in deep Italian language and culture	Sep 23, 2011 11:42
6	Due to my interest in the language and culture. Furthermore, I am hoping to pursue a career in design and fashion and italian would be a very useful language.	Sep 22, 2011 12:27
7	It's a language I always loved and according to me languages is the most useful tool in the development of one's life.	Sep 21, 2011 4:01 /
8	Because I want to speak Italian better and also because I thought it would be a great opportunity to understand the Italian culture and way of thinking,	Sep 20, 2011 10:39
9	Because i wanted to study languages and Italian was the one i wanted to be fluent in.	Sep 20, 2011 9:36 /
10	I always wanted to learn a language, and Italian made sense as I travel there a lot.,	Sep 20, 2011 1:12 /
11	To help me in my future career.	Sep 19, 2011 10:01
12	I do joint honours, so also study english literature, I had a passion for both literature and the italian language, so felt that the degree at Warwick was perfect as it is specifically 'english and italian literature' rather than just 'english literature with italian', I love that I get to study italian literature as well as the language.	Sep 19, 2011 9:54 /
13	It was always one of my favourite subjects at school and I believe that language ability will defiitely increase my career prospects.	Sep 19, 2011 9:09 /
14	I have a profound interest in the Classics (which I am also studying at University). Not only can Italian be argued to be one strand of 'modern-day Latin', but a working knowledge of Italian opens the gateway to reading much classical scholarship that remains untranslated.	Sep 19, 2011 4:39 /

Page 2, Q3. Are you planning to participate in any language courses while you are in Italy?		
1	CILTA B1 level.	Nov 22, 2011 4:37 AM
2	CILTA at the University of Bologna	Oct 12, 2011 11:37 AM
3	Intensive course and the annual course	Oct 11, 2011 1:19 AM
4	corsi di lingua per stranieri	Oct 10, 2011 11:13 AM
5	I have completed an Italian language course at the University.	Sep 29, 2011 7:16 AM
6	Intensive pre-sessional course organized by University	Sep 23, 2011 11:42 AM
7	The one provided by the Statale university.	Sep 22, 2011 12:27 PM
8	The courses provided by the university during the first semester.	Sep 20, 2011 10:39 AM
9	I would like to learn other languages such as French perhaps.	Sep 20, 2011 9:36 AM
10	I have already participated in a Summer language course in Italy, and now I will take the university course.	Sep 20, 2011 1:12 AM
11	A month long intensive language course at the universita' degli stranieri di Siena, which will help improve my language before I start university.	Sep 19, 2011 9:54 AM
12	First term course provided by my host university.	Sep 19, 2011 4:39 AM

Page 3,	Q4. In which city will you be based in Italy during your Year Abroad?	
1	Bologna	Nov 22, 2011 4:38 AM
2	Bologna	Oct 12, 2011 11:43 AM
3	Urbino	Oct 11, 2011 1:20 AM
4	Bologna	Oct 10, 2011 11:12 AM
5	Pavia	Sep 29, 2011 7:21 AM
6	Pavia	Sep 23, 2011 11:43 AM
7	Milan	Sep 22, 2011 12:28 PM
8	Siena	Sep 21, 2011 4:02 AM
9	Forli'	Sep 20, 2011 10:40 AM
10	Genoa	Sep 20, 2011 9:37 AM
11	Verona.	Sep 20, 2011 1:13 AM
12	Milan	Sep 19, 2011 10:01 AM
13	Siena	Sep 19, 2011 9:56 AM
14	Rome	Sep 19, 2011 9:09 AM
15	Pisa.	Sep 19, 2011 4:41 AM

Page 3,	Q5. Were you allocated your first choice of location?	
1	Because I have never been to Bologna and I had heard a lot of positive reflections from students who had studied at Bologna. The literature course that the university provides also suited my literary interests.	Nov 22, 2011 4:38 AM
2	I chose Bologna because my Erasmus friends at Warwick told my it was a really beautiful university city. Also I have an Erasmus friend who lives outside of Bologna and I thought it would be good for me to see how an Italian family functions, and experience not only Italian student life but Italian family life.	Oct 12, 2011 11:43 AM
3	I wanted to choose a small city as the idea of a year abroad was rather daunting. I also thought that if the city was smaller it was likely to be less touristy and so it would be easier to speak Italian.	Oct 11, 2011 1:20 AM
4	Because I'd heard a lot about it and I'd never been to Bologna before and wanted to explore somewhere new. The university also offered courses that particularly interested me!	Oct 10, 2011 11:12 AM
5	The University has a very good reputation, there was positive feedback from students who had been there for their year abroad, it is the right size for me and there are lots of students, and consequently, plenty to do.	Sep 29, 2011 7:21 AM
6	It has good reputation and excellence in Political studies (part of my degree at Warwick), it is friendly, small and historical city	Sep 23, 2011 11:43 AM
7	Yes, Milan is a city that I find very interesting and I wanted to live to live in a big city. Furthermore, La Statale is an excellent university. Also, I am a keen skier.	Sep 22, 2011 12:28 PM
8	I know that Siena has one of the oldest universities in Italy and it is assumed to be one of the best universities in Italy too.	Sep 21, 2011 4:02 AM
9	It is a small city and I feel more comfortable in smaller cities. Also, it had the program that interested me most (translation and interpreting) and since I want to be an interpreter in the future I thought it would be the best choice for me. Also, the students were there last year were very satisfied with the university and the town.	Sep 20, 2011 10:40 AM
10	Speaking to people who spent their year abroad there, it sounded like a lovely place. From the research i did, i wanted to go there.	Sep 20, 2011 9:37 AM
11	Perfect size and place for me.	Sep 20, 2011 1:13 AM
12	Love cities and always wanted to go.	Sep 19, 2011 10:01 AM
13	I studied Tuscany as part of my A2 exam, and fell in love with the region just through studying it, therefore really wanted to live there as I felt it was somewhere I would be happy. Also, I liked the idea of living in a small city, as I wanted to feel secure and safe on my year abroad. Furthermore, I loved the fact that Siena and Florence are so important in terms of art and the history of art, as this is one of my passions.	Sep 19, 2011 9:56 AM
14	High academic standing and reputation. Proximity to a large international airport. Its location in Tuscany makes it easy to visit other important historical centres such as Florence with relative ease.	Sep 19, 2011 4:41 AM

Page 4, Q6. Do you feel well prepared for your time in Italy?		
1	Lack of information from Warwick and Milan. For example, I had no idea I needed a codice fiscale until another french student told me about it. Furthermore, I didn't have the right paperwork from Warwick as I was given two Work contract and not study arrival forms. Warwick doesn't figure under the list of universities on the notice board in Milan. Still don't when and how to enrol for modules.	Sep 22, 2011 12:31 PM
2	I found things like sorting out a bank account very difficult, as I didn't realise how tricky or costly sending money abroad could be, I would have liked a bit of a warning for small, practical things like that.	Sep 19, 2011 9:58 AM

1	To improve my language skills and meet people, both native and from other	Nov 22, 2011 4:39 A
	countries who are in the same position!	
2	My expectations and hopes are that I will be able to speak Italian almost fluently by the end of the year. Additionally, my aim of this year is to live like an Italian not like an English person in Italy. Also I hope to see as much of Italy as possible and experience student life and academia in Italy.	Oct 12, 2011 11:48
3	Confidence and fluency in speaking Italian.	Oct 11, 2011 1:21 A
4	To improve my Italian, gain an appreciation of Italian culture, meet both Italians and international students and enjoy the opportunity to study at an Italian university.	Sep 29, 2011 7:23 A
5	Improving language, meeting new people, exchanging ideas,	Sep 23, 2011 11:44
6	To become fluent in Italian. To experience a different culture.	Sep 22, 2011 12:31
7	Be able to speak the language fluently, learn about the civilisation and the lifestyle of a foreign country. Be well prepared for the following year!	Sep 21, 2011 4:03 A
8	I'm hoping to improve my Italian, to make friends with Italians but also with people from all over Europe. I would also like to learn more about myself and discover new interests etc. I'm also hoping to feel less like a person from abroad and more like a person who is actually living in Italy. I'm also hoping to travel a little around the coutry.	Sep 20, 2011 10:45
9	I expect the freedom to get from Italy what i seek but also to have the support of staff to help me if i need it.	Sep 20, 2011 9:37 A
10	To grasp a good holding of the language.	Sep 20, 2011 1:13 /
11	improve my Italian and become more confident speaking Italian	Sep 19, 2011 10:01
12	I'm actually in Siena already and have been for 3 weeks, so couldn't complete this before leaving England, but I can definitely say that I expected it to be an opportunity of a lifetime in terms of discovering lots about Italy and it's culture, but also about myself as a person. I saw it as learning experience.	Sep 19, 2011 9:58 A
13	I hope to meet a variety of people, improving my italian and in exchnage for helping friend with their english I would like to learn the basics and inmprove my skills in other languages too. I hope to use this time productively, travelling and learning even more about italian culture as well as challening myself my studying through italian (language) and exploring other interests through this activity.	Sep 19, 2011 9:11 A
14	Fluency and confidence in the Italian language. Opportunities to travel within	Sep 19, 2011 4:42 A

Page 5, Q8. Do you think undertaking a 'Year Abroad' as a student will give you a professional advantage when you graduate?		
1	Because it will show potential employers that a student with a "Year Abroad" has developed skills and qualities that otherwise may not have been discovered without the "Year Abroad"	Nov 22, 2011 4:40 AM
2	I think my time in Italy will help me develop my language skills on a much deeper level. The year abroad will not only allow me to become more fluent in Italian but allow me understand how the language works on an idomatical and familiar level. Equally, the year abroad makes you a more independent and confident person which will translate into useful skills in the future.	Oct 12, 2011 11:57 AM
3	It will give me an indepedence and an ability to cope in new situations that others will perhaps not have.	Oct 12, 2011 11:37 AM
4	Proven ability to managing different situations that might occur during this year, improved knowledge of Italian	Sep 23, 2011 11:47 AM
5	The fact I will be tri-lingual by the end of my degree.	Sep 22, 2011 12:32 PM
6	Studying abroad in my opinion is a great benefit for any student for it looks great on a CV, gives a better understanding of the course you attended, the degree will not be one sided, otherwise it will be circled by various ways.	Sep 21, 2011 4:06 AM
7	I'm already benefiting from it professionally since ever since I got here I have been cross-interpreting between Italians and my flat mates who do not speak any Italian but do speak English. I also hope that saying that I have done a year abroad will make my future employer think that I am independent and capable of overcoming difficulties.	Sep 20, 2011 10:48 AM
8	It will benefit because it is a year living in another country and thus will show future employers that i can be independent, flexible and i can deal with such a big thing as living in a different culture, experiencing different foods and traditions at such a young age.	Sep 20, 2011 9:39 AM
9	It shows and ability to adapt.	Sep 20, 2011 1:14 AM
10	Employers will see that you are responsible and are a bit more worldly wise than others. Plus, speaking another language is valued because less people do languages.	Sep 19, 2011 10:02 AM
11	I think it will demonstrate a variety of transferable skills such as good communcation skills, ability to cope under extreme pressure and stress etc. Also, it shows a level of high independence, willing to travel and obviously being able to speak another language is an extremely good skill to have.	Sep 19, 2011 10:01 AM
12	I hope to really improve my language skills and I think that this experiene will really impact upon my world vfiew, opening my eyes to other cultures as well as showing independence and initiative to employers.	Sep 19, 2011 9:13 AM
13	Simply because it makes it more credible to say that I speak proficient Italian. It is one thing to learn a language in a classroom. It is another to have to live with a language.	Sep 19, 2011 4:45 AM

1	Increased sense of independence, bettering of the language which in turn	Nov 22, 2011 4:40 A
ı	will help me study the literature in greater depth. Learning to deal with unexpected situations when they arise!	NOV 22, 2011 4.40 F
2	I except to become more confident and more self sufficient. Being in a different country means it is not as easy as calling your parents and asking them to help you fix the problem, meaning you have to take the initiative to try and fix it yourself.	Oct 12, 2011 11:57 /
3	An ability to be flexible and adaptable and accept new challanges with ease.	Oct 12, 2011 11:37
4	Knowledge of a different language and culture, independence and confidence.	Sep 29, 2011 7:25 A
5	Friends	Sep 23, 2011 11:47
6	Improving independence.	Sep 22, 2011 12:32
7	Better opportunities for employment. Better knowledge of the language and culture compared to other students taking the course in another country.	Sep 21, 2011 4:06 A
8	Getting to know the Italian education system better and their way of thinking and learning about the world. I am also hoping to take some modules which are not available in my university and hopefully find a field which I'm most interested in/passionate about so that maybe I can have and even better idea about what I want to do after I graduate.	Sep 20, 2011 10:48
9	i expect to be a stronger person and more independent, also become more confident in Italian.	Sep 20, 2011 9:39 A
10	As above, an ability to adapt and grow in confidence.	Sep 20, 2011 1:14 A
11	Become more confident.	Sep 19, 2011 10:02
12	Life experience in general. Having to cope on my own in a completely different country to my family and friends. I also would like to network, so find friends that live in other countries etc. I also hope to get some work experience here. And obviously there will be the subjects I take at uni here, such as history of art, which I don't have the opportunity to study back home.	Sep 19, 2011 10:01
13	I want to see as much of Italy as possible and meet fantastic people from all over the world as well as really improving my spoken Italian.	Sep 19, 2011 9:13 A
14	Opportunities to become widely travelled and experience a slightly different way of life. An increased sense of patience and persistence having encountered the (lack of) organisation found in Italian universities (as I have been warned). Increased self confidence.	Sep 19, 2011 4:45 A

Page 6,	Q10. What do you expect to enjoy about your Year Abroad in Italy?	
1	Everything.	Nov 22, 2011 4:42 AM
2	I except to enjoy the italian culture and the student atmosphere in Bologna. I hope to make lifelong friendships with Italian students in the hope we can keep in touch and meet up in the future. I would like to travel around Italy as much as possible while I'm here and enjoy the Italian sunshine!	Oct 12, 2011 12:05 PM
3	Meeting people from all kinds of different backgrounds and becoming competent in Italian. Being able to travel around Italy. Being able to choose from a wide selection of subjects.	Oct 12, 2011 11:40 AM
4	Meeting people and adopting a new lifestyle in another country.	Sep 29, 2011 7:28 AM
5	Weather, food, culture, architecture	Sep 23, 2011 11:49 AM
6	Food, skiing, the opportunity to take courses not offered at Warwick.	Sep 22, 2011 12:32 PM
7	The difference in the lifestyle. The various events organised by the city. The trips made all across the country and the visit to other cities.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 AM
8	Italian food, meeting new friends, the weather, the sea, the historical aspect - ancient Roman ruins, museums, archaeological sites etc.	Sep 20, 2011 10:51 AM
9	The food, the culture, the language, scenery.	Sep 20, 2011 9:40 AM
10	The Italian culture.	Sep 20, 2011 1:14 AM
11	Lifestyle and meeting new people.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM
12	The italian culture, learning new things, meeting new people.	Sep 19, 2011 10:02 AM
13	The linguistic challenges, travel and the chance to meet a great variety of fantastic people.	Sep 19, 2011 9:15 AM
14	Learning Italian, whilst meeting new people, and getting an opportunity to study some topics that Warwick doesn't offer (my initial learning agreement includes, for example, Papyrology).	Sep 19, 2011 4:47 AM

Page 6,	Q11. What do you expect to find difficult about living and studying in Italy?	
1	Understand some of the more technical subject specific vocabulary in lectures. Adapting to the lifestyle, getting used to opening times of the shops! The different manner in which things are dealt with here, ie administration and bureaucracy.	Nov 22, 2011 4:42 AM
2	I expect the culture shock to be difficult. As well as missing home it can often be difficult to understand the way a country and university functions.	Oct 12, 2011 12:05 PM
3	The bureaucracy and organisation.	Oct 12, 2011 11:40 AM
4	Initially, the language barrier. The bureaucracy.	Sep 29, 2011 7:28 AM
5	Bureaucracy	Sep 23, 2011 11:49 AM
6	The cost, the solitude.	Sep 22, 2011 12:32 PM
7	The fact that everything will be taught in Italian and I'm not at a level which can let me participate in such a lecture.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 AM
8	That I will be living on my own with people I have never met before and that maybe I won't be able to understand everything people are telling me. Or that maybe the place I'll be living at won't be as safe as the campus in the UK.	Sep 20, 2011 10:51 AM
9	The language barrier, missing family and friends, not having what i need out there.	Sep 20, 2011 9:40 AM
10	The language barrier potentially and also how disorganised the university is!	Sep 20, 2011 1:14 AM
11	Having to do everything in person rather than online.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM
12	Although I will enjoy the italian culture I think the culture shock might be hard to deal with at times, and also being so far away and having to learn to be so independent, so being slightly homesick and the difficulty of not being able to communicate properly ar first is what I expect to be difficult.	Sep 19, 2011 10:02 AM
13	Application of foreign language and the level of knowledge necessary to do well.	Sep 19, 2011 9:15 AM
14	Getting to the level of Italian language proficiency where i can express complex ideas as comfortably as I can in English, which will not happen overnight.	Sep 19, 2011 4:47 AM

Page 7, Q12. Have you identified personal goals for the Year Abroad (e.g. linguistic, personal?)		
- To learn Italian to an almost fluent level - Travel as much as possible - Become more confident speaking to people - Live like an Italian person	Oct 12, 2011 12:10 PM	
Become as fluent as possible.	Oct 12, 2011 11:41 AM	
Improving the language, visiting Italy	Sep 23, 2011 11:50 AM	
Linguistic, improving my independence.	Sep 22, 2011 12:33 PM	
-To be able to read both of Primo Levi's novels without aid of an English copy (a way of judging my linguistic ability) -Join choirs and orchestra -Keep a blog.	Sep 22, 2011 9:00 AM	
Improve my Italian so it's very advanced, almost as good at my English, become more independent, learn to overcome my fear of talking to people who might not understand me	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM	
Spea more confidently and accurately.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM	
To become as intergrated into italian culture as possible, this is why I will be living with italians.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM	
1) Complete Italian language fluency to the point at which most literature can be read AND understood on a linguistic level without much reference to a dictionary. 2) Equal level of proficiency with regards spoken language. Sufficiently improved knowledge of Ancient Greek to allow me to study this at one of the higher levels offered by the Classics department. 3) improved physical fitness for university sport upon my return to Warwick.	Sep 19, 2011 4:54 AM	
	- To learn Italian to an almost fluent level - Travel as much as possible - Become more confident speaking to people - Live like an Italian person Become as fluent as possible. Improving the language, visiting Italy Linguistic, improving my independence. -To be able to read both of Primo Levi's novels without aid of an English copy (a way of judging my linguistic ability) -Join choirs and orchestra -Keep a blog. Improve my Italian so it's very advanced, almost as good at my English, become more independent, learn to overcome my fear of talking to people who might not understand me Spea more confidently and accurately. To become as intergrated into italian culture as possible, this is why I will be living with italians. 1) Complete Italian language fluency to the point at which most literature can be read AND understood on a linguistic level without much reference to a dictionary. 2) Equal level of proficiency with regards spoken language. Sufficiently improved knowledge of Ancient Greek to allow me to study this at one of the higher levels offered by the Classics department. 3) improved	

Page 7, Q13. If you answered yes to the previous question, what strategies are you planning to use to achieve your goals for the year?		
1	- To speak as much as possible when possible and to not go out too much with Erasmus english students - Plan weekends and research in advance to see everything I want to see - Speak as much as possible and in situations where I would rather not speak to overcome fears - Do things that Italian students/people do and go out with Italian students	Oct 12, 2011 12:10 PM
2	Immerse myself with Italian speakers and to go to as many of my lessons as possible as I have been told this is a very good way of improving in language.	Oct 12, 2011 11:41 AM
3	Speaking Italian to friends, and organising trips	Sep 23, 2011 11:50 AM
4	Taking a language course.	Sep 22, 2011 12:33 PM
5	Various reviews.	Sep 22, 2011 9:00 AM
6	Speak Italian as much as I can and work on it and ask my Italian friends to correct me if I make mistakes, watch Italian movies and read newspapers and books.	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM
7	Get out as much as possible to always speak to others.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM
8	As I mentioned, I will live with italians, I also hope to get a job or some kind of work experience.	Sep 19, 2011 10:03 AM
9	1) Attend language courses, read as much as possible, including newspapers and novels. Aim to average at least one novel a week for the entire year. Spend as much time as possible talking to Italians, in Italian. Try to spend time over the summer vacation in Italy. 2) Attend Greek modules, Carry out translation homework etc. 3) Join university gym and if possible local rowing club.	Sep 19, 2011 4:54 AM

Page 8, Q14. What networks do you utilise most frequently at home (or university) to manage stress?		
1	music	Sep 20, 2011 9:41 AM

	Q15. What strategies will you employ, in the city where you are based, to main so you referred to in the previous question during your Year Abroad?	ntain and/or replace the
1	Speaking frequently with people at home and speaking to new friends and previous friends made here in Bologna	Oct 12, 2011 12:11 PM
2	I will keep in touch with those back home but will also have a group of friends upon whom I can rely. Also some of my teachers will possibly be supportive should I find myself in a difficult situation.	Oct 12, 2011 11:42 AM
3	The internet allows me to communicate with those at home and I am also developing a support system here in Italy, in terms of friends.	Sep 29, 2011 7:34 AM
4	Talk on skype/facebook with family and friends, and making new friends in Pavia	Sep 23, 2011 11:52 AM
5	Skype and facebook to stay in touch.	Sep 22, 2011 12:34 PM
6	The internet/make new friends.	Sep 22, 2011 9:00 AM
7	Not sure	Sep 21, 2011 4:11 AM
8	I will use Skype and Facebook and email	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM
9	Make new friends, go out and be sociable and see what the city has to offer	Sep 20, 2011 9:41 AM
10	I will make sure to stay in contact with the friends from home in Italy who are also on year abroads. And despite the fact that I don't want to speak english too much, I have met and remained in contact with people here that are english/irish, just because when you're tired or stressed sometimes you really do need to express yourself in your mother tongue, it's important to be able to talk with someone who can understand completely without there being the added stress of communication barriers.	Sep 19, 2011 10:05 AM
11	Use skype and make new friends.	Sep 19, 2011 10:04 AM
12	Luckily I already have friends in Rome due to a foreign exchange experience whilst still in school. Thanks to the university's advice about making good ITALIAN friends on the year abroad, this was a key factor in choosing my city.	Sep 19, 2011 9:19 AM
13	Communication with family and friends through Skype. Talking with flatmates.	Sep 19, 2011 4:55 AM

Page 9, Q16. Have you accessed any ERASMUS resources (e.g. facebook page)?		
1	ERASMUS Bologna and the ESN and ESEG Bologna pages.	Nov 22, 2011 4:42 AM
2	Facebook Erasmus pages and an Erasmus organisation	Oct 12, 2011 12:12 PM
3	Facebook pages (one for Warwick students, one for Urbino students)	Oct 12, 2011 11:43 AM
4	Facebook page of ESN	Sep 23, 2011 11:52 AM
5	ESN facebook page.	Sep 22, 2011 12:34 PM
6	Verona Erasmus pages, and I set up one myself.	Sep 22, 2011 9:01 AM
7	Erasmus on facebook	Sep 21, 2011 4:12 AM
8	The forms and the Year Abroad Handbook	Sep 20, 2011 10:54 AM
9	a facebook group, in contact with a few people out there in Genoa.	Sep 20, 2011 9:41 AM
10	A facebook page.	Sep 19, 2011 10:05 AM
11	facebook page and signed up to esn at university.	Sep 19, 2011 10:04 AM
12	ESN Roma, this is a social network to help you meet the other erasmus students.	Sep 19, 2011 9:20 AM
13	Facebook pages. Various student organisations ESN (Erasmus Student Network) Pisa. AEGEE Pisa.	Sep 19, 2011 4:56 AM

Page 9, Q17. Have you done any research, in addition to your formal studies, to prepare for your time in Italy? Choose multiple responses if relevant.		
1	I visited Pisa, where I will be studying, during the Easter vacation, whilst still at Warwick.	Sep 19, 2011 4:56 AM

), Q18. How would you describe Italian culture based on your existing knowled w keywords or dot points.	ge and perceptions?
1	- laid back - relaxed - spontaneous - friendly - hospitable	Nov 22, 2011 5:32 AM
2	Relaxed, enthusiastic, interesting (amazing food!)	Oct 12, 2011 11:44 AM
3	Welcoming Warm Proud	Sep 23, 2011 11:54 AM
4	Disorganised (I was definitely right). Fashion.	Sep 22, 2011 12:35 PM
5	It is hard to describe in a few short key words but I will try: food, luxurious, friendly, busy.	Sep 22, 2011 9:03 AM
6	medieval friendly	Sep 21, 2011 4:15 AM
7	friendly, open, interesting, beautiful, artistic, not always on time, siesta, easy going, family, not many people speak another language	Sep 20, 2011 10:57 AM
8	flamboyant friendly family orientated	Sep 20, 2011 9:42 AM
9	centered around family, very relaxed	Sep 20, 2011 4:52 AM
10	relaxed, laid back, sociable.	Sep 19, 2011 10:06 AM
11	Social, relaxed, family orientated and warm. Often plans made me made, but the best just happen.	Sep 19, 2011 9:21 AM
12	 Less well organised/centralised that British (at least with regards universities) - Close nit family relations as the most important social unit Stereotypes such as the men being more stylish than in the UK, but also less respectful to young women. Fast and dangerous driving etc. 	Sep 19, 2011 5:03 AM

	, Q19. What key social (or political) issues are you aware of in Italy? Please de u found out about them?	scribe these issues and
1	The dimissal of Berlusconi and the fall of the government. Berlsconi was forced to resign because of the euro crisis and his inability to aid the economic crisis in Italy. Equally for his inability to follow EU orders and general disapproval from the Italian public. I was in Rome when this took place and was able to see the reaction of the Italian people. The energy from the crowds was like nothing I've ever seen before in my life.	Nov 22, 2011 5:32 AM
2	Berlusconi and the governments' debt crisis	Nov 22, 2011 4:43 AM
3	Berlusconi- we have already discussed him in class. Men- their confidence with women, mainly discovered when going out in the evening.	Oct 12, 2011 11:44 AM
4	Berlusconi (news, friends, university lectures) Napoli (news) Immigrants (news, university lectures)	Sep 23, 2011 11:54 AM
5	Recession Collapsing banking and political system.	Sep 22, 2011 12:35 PM
6	I read the news so am aware of the economic, social and political issues, e.g. Berlusconi. And also we studied and Italian literature and history module.	Sep 22, 2011 9:03 AM
7	I've learned for them from my course in England- Representations of modern Italy Religion Families' structure Politicians' stance - Berlusconi	Sep 21, 2011 4:15 AM
8	Berlusconi (from the news and from my Italian friends), stereotypes about other nations (personal experience), corruption	Sep 20, 2011 10:57 AM
9	Immigration problems, corruption and crime.	Sep 20, 2011 9:42 AM
10	issues regarding immigration ie. the fact that it isn't as developed yet as in England, issues surrouding Berlusconi, learnt about these in class at school and then at warwick	Sep 20, 2011 4:52 AM
11	Lack of unification/true sensation being one nation. Economic and political malaise accompanied by ageing population and relatively few opportunities for the youth. Failure of the political class to anything to solve these problems. Organised crime primarily in the south but which has also now spread to the north of the country. (Sources: A number of books, e.g. The Dark Heart of Italy. Italy and its discontents. The Force of Destiny. Cosa Nostra, in addition to regularly reading Italian national dailies - Corriere della Sera and La Repubblica)	Sep 19, 2011 5:03 AM

Page 1	1, Q20. What is your date of birth?	
1	28/10/1991	Nov 22, 2011 5:33 AM
2	12/09/1991	Nov 22, 2011 4:43 AM
3	24/06/1992	Oct 12, 2011 11:45 AM
4	28/11/1991	Sep 29, 2011 9:18 AM
5	25/01/1992	Sep 23, 2011 11:55 AM
6	03/05/1993	Sep 22, 2011 12:36 PM
7	25/02/1992	Sep 22, 2011 9:03 AM
8	25/03/1991	Sep 21, 2011 4:15 AM
9	31/10/1991	Sep 20, 2011 10:59 AM
10	01/02/1992	Sep 20, 2011 9:43 AM
11	02/09/1991	Sep 20, 2011 4:52 AM
12	12/08/1992	Sep 19, 2011 10:07 AM
13	21/01/1992	Sep 19, 2011 9:21 AM
14	13/05/1991	Sep 19, 2011 5:03 AM

Page 11, Q22. Have you lived away from your family home for an extended period of time before?		
1	At university in my first year during university semesters	Nov 22, 2011 5:33 AM
2	Warwick univerisity, for the whole of my first year.	Oct 12, 2011 11:45 AM
3	1st year at University	Sep 29, 2011 9:18 AM
4	Coventry, England - 1 year	Sep 23, 2011 11:55 AM
5	Warwick, for year.	Sep 22, 2011 12:36 PM
6	University.	Sep 22, 2011 9:03 AM
7	In Engalnd for the past 2 years	Sep 21, 2011 4:15 AM
8	During my first year of university, in the UK (because my family lives in Poland)	Sep 20, 2011 10:59 AM
9	the first year of uni	Sep 20, 2011 9:43 AM
10	in halls.	Sep 19, 2011 10:07 AM
11	Only whilst I was living in halls during first year.	Sep 19, 2011 9:21 AM

Page 12	2, Q23. What has your average grade been in your university exams so far?	
1	2.1	Nov 22, 2011 5:33 AM
2	2:1	Nov 22, 2011 4:43 AM
3	2:1	Oct 12, 2011 11:45 AM
4	60	Sep 23, 2011 11:56 AM
5	60%.	Sep 22, 2011 12:36 PM
6	2:1/2:2	Sep 22, 2011 9:04 AM
7	2:1	Sep 21, 2011 4:16 AM
8	68-70	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
9	2:2	Sep 20, 2011 9:43 AM
10	My grades averaged out to a 2:1, the average probably being 65	Sep 20, 2011 4:52 AM
11	55	Sep 19, 2011 10:07 AM
12	2.1 or good 2.2	Sep 19, 2011 9:22 AM
13	First Class.	Sep 19, 2011 5:03 AM

Page 12, Q24. What is your country of permanent residence or citizenship?		
1	Lithuania	Sep 23, 2011 11:56 AM
2	Cyprus	Sep 21, 2011 4:16 AM
3	Poland	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM

Page 12, Q25. Have you lived or studied abroad before?		
1	Warwick, as I was born and raised in France.	Sep 22, 2011 12:36 PM
2	U.K COVENTRY	Sep 21, 2011 4:16 AM
3	Yes, when I came to Warwick for my first year.	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
4	Naples, lived there for 6 months when I was younger.	Sep 19, 2011 10:07 AM

Page 13, Q26. Where were you born? And in what country or countries did you spend your childhood?		
1	I was born in Birmingham in the UK and have spent my entire life there.	Nov 22, 2011 5:34 AM
2	UK	Nov 22, 2011 4:44 AM
3	Leeds, UK. UK.	Oct 12, 2011 11:46 AM
4	England	Sep 29, 2011 9:19 AM
5	I was born in family with Polish origins in Lithuania	Sep 23, 2011 11:57 AM
6	France	Sep 22, 2011 12:37 PM
7	England	Sep 22, 2011 9:04 AM
8	Cyprus	Sep 21, 2011 4:16 AM
9	Poland.	Sep 20, 2011 11:03 AM
10	London, England.	Sep 20, 2011 9:43 AM
11	England	Sep 20, 2011 4:53 AM
12	Plaistow, London. in England but 6 months in Italy.	Sep 19, 2011 10:08 AM
13	London, UK. Lots of time and contact with Ireland (family).	Sep 19, 2011 9:22 AM
14	I was born in Cardiff, Wales. I've spent most of my life there, with the exception of holidays, and visits to my mother's parents, who live in southern England.	Sep 19, 2011 5:04 AM

Page 1	4, Q29. Have you visited Italy before?	
1	I went to Rome 4 years ago for my brothers 21st birthday for 4 days for a vacational visit	Nov 22, 2011 5:35 AM
2	Holiday with family	Nov 22, 2011 4:44 AM
3	1st: Maniago, school exchange. 2nd: Rome, family holiday. 3rd: Florence, family holiday. 4th, Lucca and Sienna, family holiday. 5th: Maniago, school exchange.	Oct 12, 2011 11:47 AM
4	Holiday, several times.	Sep 29, 2011 9:19 AM
5	I've visited Italy once before - for 2 weeks, as a part of my holiday	Sep 23, 2011 11:58 AM
6	6 times on holiday.	Sep 22, 2011 12:37 PM
7	Too many to count: holiday and visiting family.	Sep 22, 2011 9:04 AM
8	1 time for 4 days to get prepared about my year abroad	Sep 21, 2011 4:17 AM
9	More than 10 times. Holiday and student exchanges, visiting friends	Sep 20, 2011 11:07 AM
10	holiday- once for 2 weeks.	Sep 20, 2011 9:45 AM
11	Only once, for a week, to do work experience in Ravenna with the company Halsbury Travel.	Sep 20, 2011 4:53 AM
12	at least twice a year since I was born.	Sep 19, 2011 10:09 AM
13	Quite a few times. On holiday, on foreign exchanges and on a work experience placement.	Sep 19, 2011 9:23 AM
14	Approximately seven times, four of which were family holidays, two were visits to the bay of Naples to visit archaeological sites, and one visit to Trieste for a school exchange, including attending a Scuola Superiore for approximately one week.	Sep 19, 2011 5:06 AM

Page 14, Q31. Do you speak any languages other than English or Italian?		
1	I speak French and a little bit of Serbian	Nov 22, 2011 5:35 AM
2	Farsi, French.	Nov 22, 2011 4:44 AM
3	GCSE, Spanish, French, Japanese	Oct 12, 2011 11:47 AM
4	Polish, Lithuanian, Russian	Sep 23, 2011 11:58 AM
5	French	Sep 22, 2011 12:37 PM
6	Greek, French	Sep 21, 2011 4:17 AM
7	Polish (native), German (some), French (some)	Sep 20, 2011 11:07 AM
8	im learning Russian. I did French at school.	Sep 20, 2011 9:45 AM
9	French	Sep 19, 2011 10:09 AM
10	I only have GCSE French.	Sep 19, 2011 9:23 AM

Page 1	5, Q32. Have you completed a gap year?	
1	Teaching English in Iran and travelling in Australia	Nov 22, 2011 4:44 AM
2	Working in an office, in addition to undergoing minor surgery for a medical condition.	Sep 19, 2011 5:08 AM

	5, Q33. If you answered yes to the previous question, what were some of the ou a gap year?	tcomes, for you, of
1	The primary outcome was that I learned I don't want to do a job that is simply a desk job. As a stop-gap measure, this was perfectly acceptable, but for any long duration it would leave me profoundly bored. This led me to decide that I would like to pursue a career in something I would find more interesting, such as academia, with a potential for original research.	Sep 19, 2011 5:08 AM

Page 16, Q34. Do you intend to return to Italy after your Year Abroad to work or undertake further study?		
1	I am possibly considering working in Italy in the future	Nov 22, 2011 5:36 AM
2	No definite plans but will certainly continue visiting Italy during and after completing my degree.	Oct 12, 2011 11:48 AM
3	Maybe I will do my Masters here if I like the university	Sep 20, 2011 11:08 AM
4	I would like to work in Italy.	Sep 20, 2011 9:45 AM
5	I would ideally like to do some work experience in Italy, maybe in the fashion industry. There is a course at a fashion college in London of which half the course is based in Milan, so I would love to do that. I also hope to return many times purely on a travelling basis, and to spend my holidays in Italy.	Sep 20, 2011 4:55 AM
6	At the moment I am interested in trying to take part in some sort of archaeological dig in Rome or its environs, primarily to improve my knowledge of the workings of practical archaeology, but also to provide an opportunity to practice my Italian.	Sep 19, 2011 5:11 AM

Page 16, Q35. Do you plan to use your Italian language skills in a professional context when you graduate?		
1	I am interesting in working in foreign affairs, the media or translation and interpreting (possibly in the field of subtitling)	Nov 22, 2011 5:36 AM
2	Don't know. Possibly journalism.	Oct 12, 2011 11:48 AM
3	Translation/interpretation or international projects	Sep 23, 2011 11:58 AM
4	Luxury goods MBA.	Sep 22, 2011 12:38 PM
5	International relations, international law, travel writing, or journalism, potentially.	Sep 22, 2011 9:05 AM
6	Either translator or Italian teacher in schools	Sep 21, 2011 4:18 AM
7	I want to be an interpreter/translator for the EU and later (hopefully) the UN. I would also like to translate books and other things. I would most like to be a simultaneous interpreter.	Sep 20, 2011 11:08 AM
8	Journalism and broadcasting	Sep 20, 2011 9:45 AM
9	Work within the fashion or publishing industries.	Sep 20, 2011 4:55 AM
10	I'm not 100% sure, but think I would enjoy travel as part of my work.	Sep 19, 2011 9:24 AM
11	Reading academic papers written in Italian. Potentially doing some translation work.	Sep 19, 2011 5:11 AM

Page 17, Q36. Please use the space below to list extra points you would like to make, or feedback you would like to provide to the Department of Italian, about your experience of preparing for your Year Abroad.		
1	I am currently throughly enjoying myself, after everything that went wrong with trying to find a place to live, I got to experience life with an Italian family and this is the best opportunity I've ever had. For me, it's not just about living as a student it's doing the little things that make up the bigger picture of italian culture and life. I never wanted to fall into the trap of living like an English person in Italy and I can fairly say that I experience the italian culture as much as I possibly can.	Nov 22, 2011 5:41 AM
2	I would like to thank Department of Italian for the great assistance and all the events organised for preparing us to our Year Abroad	Sep 23, 2011 12:02 PM
3	Serious lack of information on behalf of both universities. (first year of exchange with Milan, so no help available for anyone).	Sep 22, 2011 12:39 PM
4	I felt that Warwick helped to prepare us really well for our year abroad. However, I also did a lot of the work independently, which I think is important as when we get out here, we have to do it on our own, I understand there are people at Warwick with whom we can talk if we have a problem, but most things you have to face alone and therefore it's important to learn to be independent. I feel that the italian society and older students were really helpful in helping to prepare us mentally for the year abroad, I was in contact with the girl that was out here while I was preparing to go and she was so helpful!	Sep 20, 2011 4:57 AM
5	I found that the advice to speak to students to get in touch with students who've spent their year abroad in your city to be really helpful. I personally really benefited from getting in touch with a student who was here whilst I was in first year. Especially when it came to searching for a flat. Going somewhere where you already have contacts certainly appears to be advantageous.	Sep 19, 2011 9:26 AM