University of Warwick Department of History Venice Program Survey



1. Did the opportunity to participate in the Venice Program influence your decision to study History at the University of Warwick?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	89.5%	17
No. I did not know about the Venice program when i enrolled.	0.0%	0
No. I knew about the Venice program but it did not effect my decision to study at Warwick.	5.3%	1
Unsure	5.3%	1
	answered question	19
	skipped question	0

2. Why did you decide to enrol in the Department of History's Venice Program?

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3. Do you think your experience of studying in Venice will give you a professional advantage when you graduate?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	66.7%	12
No	5.6%	1
Unsure	27.8%	5
If you answere	d yes, how do you think your time in Italy will benefit you professionally?	14
	answered question	18
	skipped question	1
4. What additional benefits Italy?	do you expect to gain from your study abroad experienc	e in
		Response Count
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5. Do you feel well prepared	for your time in Italy?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	58.8%	10
No	5.9%	1
Unsure	35.3%	6
If you answered no, is there addit	onal support or information you would have liked to receive? Or adidtional things you would have liked to have done?	3
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2
6. What do you expect to en	joy about living and studying in Italy?	Response Count
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8. Have you identified personal goals for your semester in Venice (e.g. linguistic, personal?)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	70.6%	12
No	29.4%	5
Unsure	0.0%	0
	If yes, what are they?	12
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

9. If you answered yes to the previous question, what strategies are you planning to use to achieve these goals?

Response Count

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answered question	12
skipped question	7

10. Are you planning to attend language classes at the University of Venice (Ca' Foscari) while you are in Italy?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	82.4%	14
No	11.8%	2
Unsure	5.9%	1
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

11. 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, Florence and Venice.	82.4%	14
Yes, reading fiction about Italy, Florence or Venice.	23.5%	4
Yes, talking to people who have visited Italy	82.4%	14
No, not interested	0.0%	0
No, have not had time	0.0%	0
No, I have visited before	0.0%	0
	Other (please specify)	2
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

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

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

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14. What is your date of birth?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Date of Birth	100.0%	17
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	23.5%	4
No	76.5%	13
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	58.8%	10
No	41.2%	
	If yes, where and for how long?	1
	answered question	1
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7. What was your average	mark for modules completes in Year 2 of your degree?	Respons
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	answered question	1
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8. What is your country of	permanent residence or citizenship?	
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19. Have you lived or studie	d abroad before?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	29.4%	5
No	70.6%	12
	If yes, where, when and for how long?	5
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2
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	answered question	17
	skipped question	2
21. Do you have Italian herit	age?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	5.9%	1
	94.1%	16
No		
No Unsure	0.0%	(
	0.0% answered question	17

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Family	0.0%	0
Friends	5.9%	1
Both	5.9%	1
Neither	88.2%	15
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

23. Have you visited Italy before?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	76.5%	13
No	23.5%	4

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)?

answered question	17
skipped question	2

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 year	11.8%	2
2-5 years	82.4%	14
6-10 years	5.9%	1
More than 10 years	0.0%	0
I speak Italian with my family	0.0%	0
	answered question	17
	skipped question	2

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.7%	11
No	35.3%	6

If yes, please specify which languages.

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26. Have you completed a g		
	Response Percent	Respons Count
Yes	29.4%	
No	70.6%	
	If yes, how did you spend most of your time ? (e.g. travelling, working)	
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	skipped question	
27. If you answered yes to	the previous question, what were some of the outcomes,	_
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29. Do you plan to use your Italian language skills and/or your knowledge of Venice and Florence in a professional context when you graduate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		17.6%	3
No		5.9%	1
Unsure		76.5%	13
	If you answered yes, what type of work would yo	u most like to pursue?	3
		answered question	17
		skipped question	2

30. 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 History, about your experience of preparing for the Venice Program.

	Response Count
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skipped question	on 15

Page 2,	Q2. Why did you decide to enrol in the Department of History's Venice Program?	
1	I wanted the opportunity to live an study abroad but I didn't want to have an Erasmus year that may not count towards my degree. The Venice Program seemed like a really unique opportunity and was not offered by any other universities.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	It offered the opportunity to put in to practice the language we would be learning alongside our history course whereas the others did not. It also offered the excitement of learning about the subject from the setting in which it all actually happened.	Sep 27, 2011 3:54 AM
3	I thought studying history in such a historical environment would greatly enhance my studies, was attracted by the opportunity to travel and live in a different culture, and also thought that learning a language would be an advantage later after university	Sep 26, 2011 11:47 AM
4	Its truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, that with the support of the university, we can study and live in venice.	Sep 26, 2011 6:44 AM
5	After visiting Venice with friends 4 years ago, I jumped at the chance of returning to the city! After reading about the opportunity to live and study in the city I knew that Warwick was going to be the only university I genuinely wanted to go to!	Sep 26, 2011 2:59 AM
6	Because I wanted the chance to study in Venice, and because I studied early modern history for my A Levels so am more interested in the Renaissance than more modern topics.	Sep 25, 2011 1:43 PM
7	Before enrolling I had studied some Italian and I had an interest in Italian history.	Sep 25, 2011 11:20 AM
8	The experience of living abroad	Sep 24, 2011 8:08 AM
9	It seemed like a good and unique opportunity to live and study abroad, in a beautiful city.	Sep 24, 2011 5:18 AM
10	The opportunity to live and study abroad was appealing, particularly in a place as renowned as Venice.	Sep 24, 2011 5:03 AM
11	I thought it would be more interesting to study abroad and liked the modules	Sep 24, 2011 1:59 AM
12	Because having done French at A level I didn't want to stop learning a language but did not want to go away for a whole year. The Venice Program gives me the chance to learn a new language and travel while still with my friends and not for as long as it would be if I was studying history as a joint honours with a language.	Sep 23, 2011 11:48 AM
13	It was the reason I came to Warwick.	Sep 23, 2011 10:43 AM
14	It seemed like a unique opportunity not only to improve my italian, but also to study a period of history in the actual place being studied.	Sep 23, 2011 8:36 AM
15	I have had an interest in renaissance history for a while and it is a good opportunity to go abroad without delaying graduation for a year, but also the work contributes to my final degree mark, unlike a year abroad.	Sep 23, 2011 7:53 AM
16	I love travelling and have always wanted the opportunity to study/ live abroad.	Sep 23, 2011 7:41 AM

Page 2,	Q2. Why did you decide to enrol in the Department of History's Venice Program?	
	The Venice programme was a key factor in choosing to study at Warwick. Furthermore, my favourite periods of history are the medieval, early modern and renaissance, therefore opting for the Venice stream over the modern stream was an easy decision.	
17	I enjoy learning about Renaissance History and the thought of living in Venice for 3 months was very appealing.	Sep 23, 2011 7:02 AM
18	Mostly, I wanted to be able to study abroad, and the Venice Programme offered a guaranteed opportunity.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
19	Change of heart at the end of first year due to an unexpected enjoyment of and ability in Italian lessons.	Sep 23, 2011 3:34 AM

Page 3, gradua	Q3. Do you think your experience of studying in Venice will give you a profession te?	al advantage when you
1	I hope the experience of living and studying in Venice will help to improve my language and communication skills. It will be an advantage as it shows that I can be adaptable to a new country and culture and apply all those skills to a job.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	It does show that we have experienced living amongst a different culture and that we had to use our language skills in practice. This should technically give us an edge over others who have no such skills or experiences however i'm not sure whether this will in reality actually affect employers decisions on job offers.	Sep 27, 2011 3:59 AM
3	Living abroad I think will enhance my speaking skills in Italian, and shows a certain amount of independence and willingness to adapt.	Sep 26, 2011 11:50 AM
4	Employers like to see skill in language and experience of other cultures.	Sep 26, 2011 6:44 AM
5	I feel that when there is much competition for certain jobs, employers look for things that make a candidate stand out, for which studying in Venice is a perfect example. Living abroad will show that I have independence as well as the ability to adapt, and language skills are often sought after in an individual.	Sep 25, 2011 1:48 PM
6	I believe that studying in Italy will greatly improve my language skills. Language skills are greatly valued by employers and help to distinguish between two equally qualified candidates for the same job.	Sep 25, 2011 11:25 AM
7	Experience of living or studying abroad might potentially make you stand out over other candidates. Plus there is the added bonus of gaining knowledge of a foreign language.	Sep 24, 2011 5:07 AM
8	I'm hoping to work abroad so it will be useful to have experience of living in a foreign country.	Sep 24, 2011 2:01 AM
9	Wanting to do a PGCE after university, my time in Venice will give me more experience of life in different cultures and I would have a greater ability to talk about this. It also demonstrates that I can cope in another country and communicate effectively.	Sep 23, 2011 11:51 AM
10	A good level of Italian will only make more employable, as will the knowledge that I can live successfully abroad	Sep 23, 2011 9:46 AM
11	Although it would brighten up my CV	Sep 23, 2011 7:55 AM
12	Throughout a number of internship and graduate interviews, the interviewer was impressed by the language aspect of the degree as well as the independence of living abroad.	Sep 23, 2011 7:44 AM
13	I will hopefully have improved my italian! A second language is always highly favoured in professional places. I will also learn how to cope in a very intense environment (living with other people in a small flat) abroad. My confidence will also improve as it will force me to engage and learn the language with strangers.	Sep 23, 2011 7:06 AM
14	In terms of the international experience and language proficiencies acquired. Evidence of dealing with unfamiliar circumstances.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM

Page 3,	Q4. What additional benefits do you expect to gain from your study abroad experi	ence in Italy?
1	I also just want to have a new experience, I have never been to Italy before so everything will we new and it will be beneficial for improving my language on a personal level and making friends in Italy.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	Enhanced language and communications skills. New friends and a life experience which will stay with me forever	Sep 27, 2011 3:59 AM
3	A much greater understanding of the history I shall study by being surrounded by it, as well as more enjoyment of it; an understanding of the Italian culture and enjoyment of travel, as well as experiencing many new sights.	Sep 26, 2011 11:50 AM
4	To immerse myself in a different culture and to hopefully improve my language skills.	Sep 26, 2011 3:00 AM
5	I hope to learn much by living amidst a completely different culture to the one with which I am comfortable, and I hope this will make me more outgoing and confident about taking risks and going out of comfortable depths in the future. I look forward to improving my Italian and especially to experiencing what I am studying in as first-hand a manner as possible for a historian.	Sep 25, 2011 1:48 PM
6	I hope that studying abroad will also hope to widen my horizons through experiencing a completely different culture.	Sep 25, 2011 11:25 AM
7	Improved italian language skills, a cultural experience.	Sep 24, 2011 5:18 AM
8	To visit new places, meet new people, and to gain a greater appreciation of both contemporary Venetian culture and Renaissance art and history.	Sep 24, 2011 5:07 AM
9	I hope to improve my conversational Italian as I thought it was a shame speaking was overlooked in classes at Warwick.	Sep 24, 2011 2:01 AM
10	I hope to improve my Italian and be more confident speaking in another language. I also haven't travelled very much so will be able to experience another culture.	Sep 23, 2011 11:51 AM
11	Hopefully better Italian	Sep 23, 2011 10:44 AM
12	knowledge of italian language, culture, history and geography, confidence and independence	Sep 23, 2011 9:46 AM
13	Personal benefits and enjoyment Its nice to really get to know such an important historical city and the italian culture in general (and its good to break up the 3 year course at warwick which can get claustrophobic)	Sep 23, 2011 7:55 AM
14	I hope to improve my Italian, especially verbally. Furthermore I hope to gain a better insight into the period and topics we study whilst in Venice as we have the opportunity to see first hand the effects, visiting churches and cathedrals.	Sep 23, 2011 7:44 AM
15	I hope to learn more about Italian culture and also meet new friends. I hope most importantly that I learn the language to a more fluent level and that I have cherished memories of the fantastic sights and historical monuments.	Sep 23, 2011 7:06 AM
16	Improvement of Italian language skills. New friends. Familiarity with Venice, Florence and other Italian cities. Insights into life in Italy. Knowledge of the	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM

Page 3, Q4. What additional benefits do you expect to gain from your study abroad experience in Italy?		
	history of Venice and Florence.	
17	 Expansion of cultural awareness - Development of Italian language skills, particularly spoken - Understanding & appreciation of Italian Renaissance beyond pure academics 	Sep 23, 2011 3:37 AM

Page 4,	Q5. Do you feel well prepared for your time in Italy?	
1	I feel well prepared, but this is as much to do with my own research as that with which I have been provided. The Venice pack was very informative, but I would have liked more practical information on the housing as Venice addresses seem quite difficult to understand. Despite term starting in less than a week, Despite being in constant contact with my landlady, I am still unsure as to the exact location of my flat, so I think it would be nice if a map or even a street name were provided along with the initial information sheet given to our group.	Sep 25, 2011 1:52 PM
2	I am very confused about the Italian lessons and don't think there was enough support at all to tell us what we had to do in preparation for this. There were so many different options for how to enrol, which test to take and which lessons to choose and there was no guidance at all about how to do this which has added quite a lot of stress to preparations.	Sep 23, 2011 11:55 AM
3	Although im not so such what to expect, so maybe this would be better answered in retrospect!	Sep 23, 2011 7:58 AM

Page 4,	Q6. What do you expect to enjoy about living and studying in Italy?	
1	I expect to enjoy seeing beautiful historic architecture and sights all around. I haven't lived in another country for this period of time so I think I will enjoy exploring a different culture and hopefully some shopping too! It will also be great to be so close to the place that I am studying and hopefully that will make it more enjoyable and increase my understanding.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	Being able to see history in its physical form rather than just as words in books. Experiencing the exuberant italian culture and meeting new people.	Sep 27, 2011 4:02 AM
3	The history, the culture, the feeling of living in a holiday environment	Sep 26, 2011 11:52 AM
4	The people, the culture, the food, the weather! It's all very different from Warwick and England in general, and will make a great contrast to normal university life.	Sep 26, 2011 6:46 AM
5	Being in one of the most beautiful places in the world, actually seeing first hand buildings, statues etc that we've been taught about!	Sep 26, 2011 3:00 AM
6	I think I will enjoy the surroundings as Venice is a beautiful place, and I am greatly looking forward to the architecture, art, and authentic food.	Sep 25, 2011 1:52 PM
7	I expect to enjoy being surrounded by such beautiful and historically interesting buildings. I believe that having these buildings 'on hand' will make studying the period much more interesting. I am also looking forward to engaging fully with the Italian culture - especially the food!	Sep 25, 2011 11:28 AM
8	Immersing myself in a different culture, seeing things that we're learning about first hand.	Sep 24, 2011 5:19 AM
9	Different culture, new places and people. Sense of independence.	Sep 24, 2011 5:10 AM
10	The fact that we are living in Italy! Having access to the resources in Venice and being able to see the things we are studying first hand.	Sep 24, 2011 2:03 AM
11	Being able to get to know another country so well and living in the middle of such a beautiful, historic place.	Sep 23, 2011 11:55 AM
12	Lifestyle	Sep 23, 2011 10:44 AM
13	the buzz of the city, the architecture and being immersed in the history which we are studying is going to be inspiring	Sep 23, 2011 7:58 AM
14	I am looking forward to meeting new people especially erasmus and university students.	Sep 23, 2011 7:46 AM
15	I am looking forward to the food, the people and also the ambiance of Italy. I hope to meet other students who are on a placement there and make friends with Italian students.	Sep 23, 2011 7:09 AM
16	The chance to really get to know Venice. The excitement of being somewhere completely new to me. Travelling in Italy. Italian food!	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17	- Experiencing Italian approach to study & the study of History - Being surrounded by Venetian art & architecture (apologies for sounding like a travel brochure- trite but true)	Sep 23, 2011 3:47 AM

Page 4.	Q7. What do you expect to find difficult about living and studying in Italy?	
1	I think language may be challenging at first but I hope to get used to it and improve as time goes on. I think getting around and getting used to the city will be difficult too but again i think I'll get used to it.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	The language barrier as my Italian is not brillliant, as well as the extra living costs of an expensive tourist orientated city.	Sep 27, 2011 4:02 AM
3	Speaking the language; flooding; internet speed; room sharing	Sep 26, 2011 11:52 AM
4	The money situation is difficult - its expensive to live in Venice, and difficult to access money, especially when only staying for one term.	Sep 26, 2011 6:46 AM
5	The language barrier!	Sep 26, 2011 3:00 AM
6	I think the most difficult thing will be having to interact in Italian!	Sep 25, 2011 1:52 PM
7	I think that the biggest difficulty will be finding the motivation to study when surrounded by so many distractions.	Sep 25, 2011 11:28 AM
8	The language barrier, being away from home and family/friends.	Sep 24, 2011 5:19 AM
9	The language. But hopefully that will improve with lessons.	Sep 24, 2011 5:10 AM
10	Everyone tells me it's impossible to find ingredients for Oriental cooking in Italy, also, I couldn't find any badminton clubs in Venice.	Sep 24, 2011 2:03 AM
11	The language barrier I think will be difficult because although I know that many Italians will speak English, I find it rude to expect them to speak in English all the time while I make no effort.	Sep 23, 2011 11:55 AM
12	language	Sep 23, 2011 10:44 AM
13	arriving and leaving. navigation! (but getting lost is also fun) having no Wifi in our appartment Im anxious about the size of the library with so many people studying the same programme	Sep 23, 2011 7:58 AM
14	I think the language will initially be difficult and perhaps a barrier, but hopefully my language will improve over the ten weeks.	Sep 23, 2011 7:46 AM
15	I think I will be very homesick as I live with my mum and am very close to her. Not being able to speak to her regularly will become hard as well as the expenses in Italy. I know that Venice is very expensive so I am worried I will run out of money. Having my 21st birthday in Italy may also be a bit difficult as I won't be with my friends from home or my family.	Sep 23, 2011 7:09 AM
16	Balancing essay deadlines with exploring Venice, travelling and making new friends. I guess that I am a little nervous about the workload. And also about sharing a room, as before I arrive I am unsure what to expect.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17	 Not possessing a day-to-day vocabulary in Italian- I could discuss microhistory with the chemist but perhaps not ask for shampoo - Living on the Lido might be less convenient 	Sep 23, 2011 3:47 AM

Page 5,	Q8. Have you identified personal goals for your semester in Venice (e.g. linguistic	, personal?)
1	I just want to immerse myself in the culture and make the most of the experience and also improve my Italian.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	To be able to hold a basic conversation in italian. To see as much of Italy as possible	Sep 27, 2011 4:04 AM
3	To drastically improve my italian!	Sep 26, 2011 3:01 AM
4	I hope to become (almost) fluent in Italian by the end of the term. I also hope to do well in both the essays this term.	Sep 25, 2011 11:31 AM
5	Improve spoken Italian, write a blog every week.	Sep 24, 2011 5:11 AM
6	Improve my spoken Italian and do a lot of my dissertation.	Sep 24, 2011 2:05 AM
7	To improve my Italian so that I am confident speaking and can easily have at least a simple conversation and make the most of my time there experiencing as much as possible of the culture.	Sep 23, 2011 11:58 AM
8	I would like to write two first class essays for the module to set me on my way for the summer. Also to experience as much as i can in 3 months	Sep 23, 2011 8:00 AM
9	I hope to improve my language both understanding and verbal.	Sep 23, 2011 7:47 AM
10	Becoming more fluent in Italian, managing my finances, visiting all the famous sights and also travelling to a few cities in Italy during my reading week as well as becoming more independent.	Sep 23, 2011 7:14 AM
11	I definitely want to do as well as possible in terms of essay grades. This is an important term for thinking about jobs etc. for after graduation, so I want to submit the best (and most) possible applications that I can. I would like to see how my level of Italian fares when actually in Italy, and improve my language skills.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
12	- Attain a level of written and read fluency in Italian; to read Corriere della sera with ease - Be able to speak Italian with competency and without a strange variant of an Eastern European accent (my first language is English) - Make thoughtful and deeply researched contributions to seminars	Sep 23, 2011 3:51 AM

	Page 5, Q9. If you answered yes to the previous question, what strategies are you planning to use to achieve these goals?	
1	I hope that my Italian buddy will help me with my language by having conversations in Italian. I aim to use Italian as much as possible and really make an effort. I probably hope to discover or see something interesting about Venice everyday.	Sep 30, 2011 2:03 PM
2	Take extra language lessons and meet with a 'buddy' often. Also to put myself out there and speak with as many different people as possible.	Sep 27, 2011 4:04 AM
3	to immerse myself in the language, hopefully taking lessons at Venice University- if I can figure out how to pay for them!	Sep 26, 2011 3:01 AM
4	In order to achieve my linguistic goal I intend to attend the language classes at Ca' Foscari. In order to do well on my essays I have already begun wider reading on some topics.	Sep 25, 2011 11:31 AM
5	Weekly Italian lessons at the university. As for the blog I'm just going to keep my eyes and ears open for interesting experiences to relate!	Sep 24, 2011 5:11 AM
6	Language classes, speaking to locals and going to the market rather than the supermarket. Managing my time more carefully.	Sep 24, 2011 2:05 AM
7	I will try to speak in Italian as much as possible when out there, such as in shops, rather than reverting to English, and travel as much as possible.	Sep 23, 2011 11:58 AM
8	knuckle down and do the seminar reading!	Sep 23, 2011 8:00 AM
9	I have set myself a target of always trying to speak italian and to learn a new word hopefully everyday.	Sep 23, 2011 7:47 AM
10	-Having better interaction with the locals, teachers and other studentsStudying very hard! i.e. a lot of extra reading, attending italian classesplanning my reading week in advance -familiarising myself with the venice streets.	Sep 23, 2011 7:14 AM
11	I have started to think a little about potential essay topics, and I will make sure that I work very hard in Venice with the research, reading and writing. I am attempting to do as much as possible, job application-wise, before I leave the UK, and I am researching now for opportunities that will open later in the term. While in Italy, I will try to use Italian in day-to-day life so that I progress quickly with the language.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
12	- Clearly defined weekly objectives and forward planning	Sep 23, 2011 3:51 AM

_	, Q11. Have you done any research, in addition to your formal studies, to prepare e multiple responses if relevant.	for your time in Italy?
1	I spent Easter of second year inter-railing around Italy so have a good grasp of the culture.	Sep 23, 2011 7:49 AM
2	I have read guidebooks and online travel information, as well as history books	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM

Page 6, Q11. Have you done any research, in addition to your formal studies, to prepare for your time in Italy? Choose multiple responses if relevant.

about Venice and a travelougue about living Italy. And I have two Italian phrasebooks to take to Venice. I have spoken a lot to students who went to Venice with History during the last two years.

	Q12. How would you describe Italian culture based on your existing knowledge ar words or dot points.	nd perceptions? List a
1	religious family orientated artistic fashionable	Sep 30, 2011 2:20 PM
2	It has a rich history including art, architecture, music, customs and tradition; but there is also much diversity in ie dialect, food etc. They are passionate about food, religious and usually very friendly and hospitable.	Sep 27, 2011 4:25 AM
3	Interested in food, historical, family orientated	Sep 26, 2011 11:53 AM
4	Friendly, liberal, different.	Sep 26, 2011 6:47 AM
5	Very relaxed, Venetians seem very friendly!	Sep 26, 2011 3:02 AM
6	From what I have read, Italian culture seems quite strongly family-orientated, the people seem to have a love of food although I have read that there are few great examples of Venetian cuisine. I believe they are not particularly good at driving, but that shouldn't matter too much in Venice. Venetian culture seems quite quiet, and Venice is evidently very tourist-focused.	Sep 25, 2011 1:59 PM
7	Relaxed, vibrant, historic	Sep 25, 2011 11:33 AM
8	Family orientated, civilised.	Sep 24, 2011 5:20 AM
9	Vibrant, passionate, welcoming, good food (not just a stereotype!)	Sep 24, 2011 5:13 AM
10	No Chinese.	Sep 24, 2011 2:08 AM
11	friendly, tranditional	Sep 23, 2011 11:59 AM
12	Wine, Coffee, Food	Sep 23, 2011 10:46 AM
13	my uncle is Italian and based on his family Passionate. Money does not make their worlds go around. food, family and children are highly cherished Proud of their heritage Friendly once 1.) they realise you're not American 2.) you praise them for their food	Sep 23, 2011 8:08 AM
14	Italian culture and way of life is very much centred around the family and religion. It is also far more relaxed and easy going than London.	Sep 23, 2011 7:49 AM
15	-Roman -Medieval -Religious -Medical -'Re-birth' -Philosophical	Sep 23, 2011 7:15 AM
16	Food. Family. Art. Fashion. Football. History. Corruption. Catholicism. Silvio Berlusconi. Monuments. Opera. Coffee. Noisy. Formal. Conservative. Bureaucratic.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17	- La bella figura - Holds health and 'the art of living' in higher esteem - More traditonal and patriarchal than the UK - Greater appreciation of art and history in population among those who have studied neither, in comparison to other European countries	Sep 23, 2011 3:58 AM

	Q13. What key social (or political) issues are you aware of in Italy? Please describ nd out about them?	e these issues and how
1	Italy's financial debt and lack of economic growth and the crisis in the Euro zone, I found out about it because it has been on the news on TV and I read an Economist article. There are strikes because of government cutbacks. Berlusconi's scandals and control of the media.	Sep 30, 2011 2:20 PM
2	The prime minister Burlesconi is currently on trial for fraud as well as being accused of bribery and abuse of power. He has also faced media hysteria about allegedly paying for sex with a teenage pole dancer and then covering it up as well as hosting parties with escorts.	Sep 27, 2011 4:25 AM
3	Silvio Berlusconi	Sep 26, 2011 11:53 AM
4	The huge economic crisis in Italy! It's effecting almost all of Europe so not hard to miss!	Sep 26, 2011 6:47 AM
5	Rumours surrounding the government!	Sep 26, 2011 3:02 AM
6	I am not up to date on political issues in Venice, but I have been reading about social issues surrounding the regulations about restaurants and cafes needing licenses to have outdoor tables being tightened, in the sense that they are being checked and imposed more, as well as that Venice has been paying attention to the complaints of residents surrounding places like Campo Margherita about noise, and acting (after legislative struggles) by imposing earlier closing times on establishments.	Sep 25, 2011 1:59 PM
7	The current financial crisis, together with the more pervasive political corruption. I found out about these from the news and from having studied some Italian politics in language classes.	Sep 25, 2011 11:33 AM
8	Euro financial crisis at the moment- from the news.	Sep 24, 2011 5:20 AM
9	Issues with corruption and sleaze in politics. Stories about Silvio Berlusconi come up on the national news here on a fairly regular basis.	Sep 24, 2011 5:13 AM
10	Berlusconi is always causing more scandals, this is on the English news. Italians think their teenagers are very badly behaved, I found this article when I was browsing the Italian newspapers at Warwick.	Sep 24, 2011 2:08 AM
11	debt crisis, organized crime, Berlusconi. I read the news	Sep 23, 2011 10:46 AM
12	Euro crisis deepens and Italy would be severely troubled if Greece drops out Bellisconi's "bunga bunga" parties Cleaved in two between the North and South politically and economically. La Lega political party is gaining momentum around Milan I know much of this having traveled around italy last summer	Sep 23, 2011 8:08 AM
13	N/A	Sep 23, 2011 7:15 AM
14	Economic issues. (Recent news) Anni di piombo. ('The Dark Heart of Italy' by Tobias Jones) Media ownership. ('The Dark Heart of Italy' by Tobias Jones) Regional disparities/north-south divide. Mafia.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
15	- The miracle of Berlusconi's continuance in the office of PM - Increasing immigration to Italy and its lukewarm reception - Persistance of a mafia presence	Sep 23, 2011 3:58 AM

Page 6, Q13. What key social (or political) issues are you aware of in Italy? Please describe these issues and how you found out about them?

- not partcularly free press - Precarious economic situation - recent downgrade of Italian banks

Page 7,	Q14. What is your date of birth?	
1	20/07/1991	Sep 30, 2011 2:20 PM
2	06/07/1990	Sep 27, 2011 4:26 AM
3	06/11/1990	Sep 26, 2011 11:54 AM
4	23/11/1990	Sep 26, 2011 6:47 AM
5	06/04/1991	Sep 26, 2011 3:02 AM
6	27/02/1991	Sep 25, 2011 2:00 PM
7	14/09/1990	Sep 25, 2011 11:33 AM
8	08/08/1991	Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
9	17/05/1990	Sep 24, 2011 5:14 AM
10	02/04/1991	Sep 24, 2011 2:08 AM
11	28/03/1991	Sep 23, 2011 11:59 AM
12	05/08/1990	Sep 23, 2011 10:46 AM
13	08/05/1991	Sep 23, 2011 8:08 AM
14	12/01/1991	Sep 23, 2011 7:50 AM
15	17/10/1990	Sep 23, 2011 7:15 AM
16	12/05/1990	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17	01/05/1990	Sep 23, 2011 3:58 AM

Page 7, Q16. Have you lived away from your family home for an extended period of time before?		
1	Spent 6 months working in Canada	Sep 27, 2011 4:26 AM
2	University term times	Sep 26, 2011 11:54 AM
3	Only during my first two years of university.	Sep 25, 2011 2:00 PM
4	First and second years of university.	Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
5	I lived in Canada for eight months on my gap year.	Sep 24, 2011 5:14 AM
6	University	Sep 24, 2011 2:08 AM
7	Boarding School	Sep 23, 2011 10:46 AM
8	Boarding school for 8 years!	Sep 23, 2011 8:08 AM
9	University and travelling- India 6 weeks, Thailand- summer of first year.	Sep 23, 2011 7:50 AM
10	Two years at Warwick. Erasmus year abroad in Spain. Various study abroad trips up to four weeks in duration. Two-week residential summer school at Durham University, summer 2005.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM

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7 74		Sep 25, 2011 11:36 AM
8 70.25		Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
9 67		Sep 24, 2011 5:14 AM
10 66		Sep 24, 2011 2:08 AM
11 62		Sep 23, 2011 12:00 PM
12 65		Sep 23, 2011 10:48 AM
13 69 (70 for history, 65	for italian)	Sep 23, 2011 8:09 AM
14 63		Sep 23, 2011 7:51 AM
15 58		Sep 23, 2011 7:16 AM
16 69.5 per cent overall.	(62, 80, 62, 74)	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17 68.7		Sep 23, 2011 3:58 AM

Page 8, Q19. Have you lived or studied abroad before?		
1	Canada for 6 months	Sep 27, 2011 4:26 AM
2	I lived in the British Virgin Islands with my family for two years between the age of 12 and 14 and attended an international school.	Sep 25, 2011 2:01 PM
3	Canada for eight months.	Sep 24, 2011 5:14 AM
4	I have lived in Gibraltar, Kenya, Vanuatu and Ascension Island. I spent the summer doing an internship in Fiji.	Sep 23, 2011 10:48 AM
5	Erasmus in Seville, Spain, 2010-2011. Renmin University of China International Summer School, Beijing, July 2010 for four weeks (through a Warwick exchange). UK Study India Programme, New Delhi, summer 2009 for three weeks. UK Study China Programme, Beijing, Easter 2009 for three weeks. Work experience in Liège, Belgium for one week in July 2007. One-week homestay in Florida on a school trip exchange, February 2007.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM

Page 9, Q20. Where were you born? And in what country or countries did you spend your childhood?		
1	England	Sep 30, 2011 2:21 PM
2	Born in Shrewsbury and spent most of my youth in Shropshire or visiting family in Carmarthenshire	Sep 27, 2011 4:27 AM
3	England, born in Bournemouth	Sep 26, 2011 11:54 AM
4	Born in Yorkshire, UK. Spent my childhood in Italy and America, during the vacations, as my father worked there.	Sep 26, 2011 6:48 AM
5	United Kingdom	Sep 26, 2011 3:07 AM
6	I was born in England, and grew up here. As per the previous question, I spent two years of my pre/early-teens in Tortola, British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean.	Sep 25, 2011 2:02 PM
7	United Kingdom (for both)	Sep 25, 2011 11:37 AM
8	England	Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
9	Oxford, I've lived in England all my life.	Sep 24, 2011 5:14 AM
10	England.	Sep 24, 2011 2:09 AM
11	Born in Truro, Cornwall, didn't ever really leave Cornwall at all when I was young.	Sep 23, 2011 12:01 PM
12	Born in Gibraltar, lived in Kenya, England, Vanuatu and Ascension Island	Sep 23, 2011 10:48 AM
13	Oxford I've always lived in the UK	Sep 23, 2011 8:09 AM
14	England	Sep 23, 2011 7:51 AM
15	England-London	Sep 23, 2011 7:16 AM
16	Rotherham, United Kingdom.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
17	Auckland, New Zealand. Mainly NZ, UK, US.	Sep 23, 2011 3:59 AM

Page 1	0, Q23. Have you visited Italy before?	
1	Around 7 times, during holidays when i was in primary school. My father worked there.	Sep 26, 2011 6:49 AN
2	Once, to Venice for about 4 days for a holiday with friends	Sep 26, 2011 3:07 AN
3	I spent three weeks in Italy in the summer after sixth form, when I spent a week each in Rome, Florence and Venice. I visited for a holiday with a friend and it was a largely cultural trip.	Sep 25, 2011 2:04 PM
4	I have visited Italy about 4 times in the past. Each time was for a week and the purpose was always as a holiday.	Sep 25, 2011 11:40 Al
5	Twice for 10 days at a time on family holidays.	Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
6	On three occasions. Twice on school trips; to Rome and Naples in Year 8 and to Rome again in sixth form. I also taught English at summer camps for Italian schoolchildren last summer. I spent time in San Remo, Vicenza and Milan.	Sep 24, 2011 5:16 AM
7	Italian exchange for a week at college.	Sep 24, 2011 2:09 AM
8	Rome, Venice, Sardinia. Mix of visiting family and going on holiday	Sep 23, 2011 10:49 A
9	Ive visited Italy 4 times My uncle lives in Rome, and in spite of being English, he is a successful Italian chef. We go out and visit him every 3 years or so Ive also travelled around italy for a month last summer	Sep 23, 2011 8:11 Al
10	Tuscany with the family- 3 weeks Inter-railing- 3 weeks (Milan, Verona, Florence, Siena, Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Naples)	Sep 23, 2011 7:53 AN
11	Once on a school trip to Rome. Visited Vatican City, Sorrento, Pompei, Naples.	Sep 23, 2011 7:20 AM
12	Family trip to Rome in 2006 (four nights). Pisa, Livorno, Genoa and Civitavecchia on cruise daytrips.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 Al
13	Several times with my family on holiday and once for 6 weeks on an Art History Abroad course.	Sep 23, 2011 4:00 Al

Page 10	, Q25. Do you speak any languages other than English or Italian?	
1	French (A Level standard) and a small amount of Japanese.	Sep 26, 2011 6:49 AM
2	French, German.	Sep 26, 2011 3:07 AM
3	I have studied French, Spanish and Latin but am fluent in none of these. French is my strongest of the three as I studied it from year three until the end of my AS Levels.	Sep 25, 2011 2:04 PM
4	French (to AS level standard)	Sep 25, 2011 11:40 AM
5	Very basic french (GCSE)	Sep 24, 2011 5:21 AM
6	A bit of French.	Sep 24, 2011 5:16 AM
7	French	Sep 23, 2011 12:01 PM
8	Very basic Spanish	Sep 23, 2011 10:49 AM
9	GCSE French and Spanish- both A grade- but very basic!	Sep 23, 2011 7:53 AM
10	A at A Level French. Spanish from a beginners Lifelong Language Learning course at Warwick in Second Year, and picked up on Erasmus in Seville. I took a Japanese 1 Academic module in First Year, not-for-credit, and have reinforced and built on it this summer with 'Rosetta Stone' language-learning software. Very very basic Mandarin Chinese, from enrichment classes in Year 12 at school and from classes while in Beijing.	Sep 23, 2011 4:46 AM
11	Basic Malaysian & Polish	Sep 23, 2011 4:00 AM

Page 11, Q26. Have you completed a gap year?		
1	MOst time was spent working as a ski instructor in Canada. Travelled around america for a few weeks and western europe another few weeks after that.	Sep 27, 2011 4:34 AM
2	Working at a ski resort in Banff, Canada.	Sep 24, 2011 5:17 AM
3	Travelling in New Zealand	Sep 23, 2011 10:49 AM
4	Erasmus year in Seville, Spain.	Sep 23, 2011 4:47 AM
5	Interning, doing drama diplomas/	Sep 23, 2011 4:01 AM

Page 11, Q27. If you answered yes to the previous question, what were some of the outcomes, for you, of taking a gap year?		
1	i developed as a person and am now much more confident after often having to go up to people and just start talking. I experienced different cultures and became aware of the real costs of living, working and travelling in this modern world. I also realised the importance of being productive and planning ahead.	Sep 27, 2011 4:34 AM
2	Increased self-reliance, something which prepared me well for university life. I also gained experience of the world of work. From a leisure point of view I got pretty good at snowboarding.	Sep 24, 2011 5:17 AM
3	greater maturity	Sep 23, 2011 10:49 AM
4	Knowledge of Spain and Spanish life and culture. (I had barely visited the country before.) Time to figure out more what I would like to do after Warwick. Increased awareness of other people, countries and cultures. Development of Spanish-language skills.	Sep 23, 2011 4:47 AM

Page 12, Q28. Do you intend to return to Italy after your semester in Venice to work or undertake further study?		
1	Au pairing over the summer	Sep 27, 2011 4:35 AM

Page 12, Q29. Do you plan to use your Italian language skills and/or your knowledge of Venice and Florence in a professional context when you graduate?			
1	I don't know how I will use my knowledge of Venice and Florence yet but i definitely hope to continue using my language skills.	Sep 30, 2011 2:22 PM	
2	I would like to be a primary school teacher so hope to use my experiences to give children a more exciting way of learning about the Italian culture due to the fact that I will know it. I would also like to be able to teach languages in a more exciting way having a wider knowledge of two languages.	Sep 23, 2011 12:04 PM	
3	I plan to work in finance (accountancy) and language is often needed as the firms I have applied for are international.	Sep 23, 2011 7:55 AM	

Page 13, Q30. 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 History, about your experience of preparing for the Venice Program.			
1	The support from the department has been very useful in making my travel preparations	Sep 26, 2011 11:55 AM	
2	I would have liked to receive my timetable of lectures before the start of term, not that this particularly affects how I could have prepared, but because I like to know things in advance! Of course, timetabling seminars beforehand must be more difficult for the department, but I think that the department must have a solid idea of when they plan to hold lectures before term starts.	Sep 25, 2011 2:08 PM	
3	Generally the department has been very helpful in providing information and organising things like insurance, however dealing with Italian landlords by ourselves has been a bit daunting.	Sep 24, 2011 5:20 AM	
4	I think the preparatory documents were very useful, particularly blogs, and allowed my parents to understand more of what I will be experiencing. The only major problem I have had is the lack of guidance on how to enrol for Italian lessons and think that this could be improved quite easily by actually telling us what to do on the website and what the lessons themselves will be like (e.g. whether we will be with students from other places or just Warwick students).	Sep 23, 2011 12:07 PM	