

TIMETABLES

Audio Transcript

Kayo: I'm going to lunch. Want to come?

Ahmad: Thanks but no - my afternoon class is on the other side of campus

Kayo: That doesn't leave much time for lunch

Yasir: No – and it's the food fair, which I love

Kayo: You're lucky you don't have any classes on Friday though

Ahmad: Yes, but that's the only day I have to really study and get into it thoroughly. I usually go to the library the whole day Friday because if I stay in my room I just end up listening to music, chatting online, you know what it's like.

Kayo: I spend most of my time staring at the computer on my own, trying to do assignments

Ahmad: But you seem to have so few classes.

Kayo: I know, I was quite surprised when I got my timetable – only 6 hours a week, I couldn't believe it. It took me a while to get used to all of the free time, except it's not really free. We get a lot of course work and if you don't prepare well for seminars, you end up having nothing to say. Anyway, when can we have lunch together – Monday might be good – looks like you have three hours lecture in the afternoon.

Ahmad: No, that's lab – we work on experiments and believe me you really do need all that time; three hours flies by. We're working in groups, and I really enjoy that.

Kayo: I find it really hard because I spend much time working on my own, but not producing anything. I have been to Study Advice, to get help with how to write my essays more quickly, but they say it's quite normal to take time to get your idea on paper, even for home students. And actually after reading, and feeling really frustrated – suddenly, I make a breakthrough and ideas start coming. But it seems to be the same painful process each time, I can never just sit down and start writing the essay.

Ahmad: I've got to run the Drop in session starts in 5 minutes.

Kayo: OK – catch you later.