Hi! I’m Onkar, a 2nd year MMLer studying Spanish and Italian. The MML course at Cambridge is one of the most interesting and flexible courses that the University offers, allowing you to delve into literature, translation, art, film, linguistics and cinema amongst many other fields of interest.

On average, you have might have 2 to 3 lectures a week plus around 12 contact hours a fortnight (split between classes and supervisions).

Here are some things I’d like to have known before starting:

- **Read during the summer:** Cambridge terms are only 8 weeks long and you don’t want to be stress-reading during term. Try and get through some of your core texts in the summer, maybe making some notes so that you understand it all. It’s completely fine and normal for you not to understand what you’re reading completely – it’s what the lectures and supervisions are for during term time!

- **Make the most of and enjoy your supervisions:** your supervisions are there for you to really get to grips with what you’re studying with an expert in the field (usually a PhD student or a professor/lecturer), so whether it is Italian renaissance art, German philosophy or Hispanic cinema, really make the most of that time, asking all the questions you may have!

- **Travel as much as possible:** Flights to Europe are quite cheap when bought off-peak and both College and the MML department offer bursaries for students who choose to do language courses or travel abroad so, if you can, make the most of that to put your language(s) into practice and enjoy them outside of Cambridge!

Overall, enjoy your course and enjoy Cambridge! If you have any questions, I’d be more than happy to help, just email me: os345@cam.ac.uk.

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