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How do you think your experiences in the Department will help you in the future?

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What advice would you give to prospective students?

Don't be intimidated and don't stress out much – everyone worries about more or less the same. Make the most of what the College has to offer: get to know interesting people, enjoy the bar nights and the intensive student life. There are many exciting initiatives to get involved in. These are the experiences you'll take with you. Learn to be disciplined and study consistently throughout the year (which is tricky, given the change in workload at different times). Start to work on your thesis and papers as soon as you can so you can make the most out of your research. Importantly – use the many connections the College has to the EU Brussels scene in order to meet interesting people who work in your field of interest.