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Why did you choose POL?

I chose Politics because of my fundamental interest in how the EU works. The courses provided help to extend and deepen that knowledge by bringing in specialised knowledge from both practitioners and academics, allowing us a much broader focus than other programs.

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

I think the knowledge we've been given will be useful in any career dealing with European affairs, even tangentially. Personally, I hope to work in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, and I know that what I have learned here will be essential in EU-Turkey relations, especially in being able to conduct negotiations with the major political players and institutions.

What advice would you give to prospective students?

Just to go for it! The College is a great place to be to learn and make friends. The only advice I would give is brush up on your language skills, whichever language you speak or understand, it is useful to have in a place like this.