I chose the University of Edinburgh because the breadth and the scope of what it offered online certainly very much appealed to me and also because I was interested in the ancient traditions; so I was very interested in having a university that combined both the new approach and high technology with a foundation in a magnificent ancient tradition.

I think any student keen to study history and being in the situation of wanting to do it online would be well advised to give serious consideration to the University of Edinburgh.

There's a great openness here and a great pleasure in this openness, there's a tremendous willingness on the part of the professors to discuss, to review what they know, to edit what they realise, to include your views. It's a tremendous experience, it's been a wonderful learning experience.

I think the most positive thing is that you feel you can contribute as much as you'd like and also professors are very generous with their knowledge and share it and develop it with you which makes it a very fruitful and enriching experience for all involved.

The most exciting part of any course has been, for me, the discussion forum, which is the never-ending source of fascinating contributions from people all over the world. Sometimes it's difficult to tear myself away from the discussion forum and say, 'get back to work now on the course paper', sometimes that's really difficult.