

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES



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Degree: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws
Year of degree: 2nd (2010)
Campus: Campbelltown
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Completed Year 12 in: 2007

Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

I was surprised by the variety of units that the Bachelor of Arts provided which was a nice contrast to my Law units. A double degree allows a student to stretch their minds into many different areas to become a more rounded student.

How is university different from school?

University allows for more freedom than high school tends to. The times and subject choice are more flexible and there is much more personal responsibility. On each campus there are cafes and bars and a few hundred students just in one subject which is a great way to make a multitude of friends and to enjoy university life!

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

My high school was fantastic in the transition to higher level study – treating the senior students more like young adults while supporting and preparing them for the next phase in their student lives. Macarthur Anglican often organised trips to university open days and had a strong curriculum and focus on helping students gain a tertiary education.

What is the most interesting thing you've done at university this year?

As part of an assignment for Criminal Law I was required to attend Campbelltown Local Court and the Supreme Court. It was fantastic to see lawyers in action knowing that is what I want to do after I graduate!

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

I feel that with each semester my grades are getting better and better as I settle into university and challenge myself to live up to what is expected of me by the lecturers. I have also enjoyed being part of the Indigenous School Student Mentoring Program.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

I have not changed my desire to be a lawyer but I am now entertaining the idea of becoming a barrister. Students often don't realise the endless opportunities available to them when doing a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws.

What advice would you give to students at your high school about pursuing university study?

To get into the habit early of being organised, including completing weekly readings and starting assignments early! It is also important to find a healthy balance between study, work and play.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

I chose UWS because it is my local university and I had heard that it has a strong and progressive law faculty (which it does).

Any other comments or observations about university study?

Get involved in university life and make the most of what each campus offers. If, for example, you want to be a lawyer, join groups such as the UWS Law Students Association.

Course Information



Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts

Where is it held (campus)?

Parramatta and Campbelltown

How long is it?

5 years full time, concurrent study of the two degrees for the first three years, last two years dedicated to completing the law component.

Recommended studies:

Any two units of HSC English.

Career opportunities:

Law examples include: solicitor, barrister, corporate management, education, publishing, finance and banking. Arts examples include: arts administration, teaching (with further study), writer/author, politician, linguist, community planner, librarian, researcher, public relations, information technology and social policy development.

Subjects include:

Law: law foundation, criminal law, constitutional law, professional responsibility and legal ethics, commercial law, criminal procedure and evidence, as well as an extensive list of alternate units.

Arts major studies include: Humanities (art history, cinema studies, Asian studies, international relations, cultural and social analysis, politics, philosophy), Islamic studies, Languages, Psychology and Social Ecology.

ATAR (2010)

**Parramatta – 90.50
Campbelltown – 90.20**

Additional information:

Law – this course combines a broad liberal legal education with a strong practical orientation. It is designed to equip students with the required knowledge and skills for legal practice.

Arts – different majors are available at the various campuses – check the location of your preferred area of study. At UWS the topics of study blend theory along with their practical application.

For more information:

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