

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

Name: Fiona Maber
Degree: Bachelor of Psychology
Year of degree: 2nd (2010)
Campus: Bankstown
High School: Carlingford High School
Completed Year 12 in: 2004



Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

Yes, very much so, but it's still strange to get used to the freedom and responsibility you're given.

How is university different from school?

There's no-one watching over your back to tell you to work, it's either put the effort in yourself or fail.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

My high school was great in the way that the teachers always offered support and advice for what was best for everyone, not just the image of the school. Their encouragement to do the subjects that suited me has helped me towards the success I have now achieved.

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

Participating in the Indigenous School Student Mentoring Program which has enabled me to mentor an Aboriginal high school student.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

I've achieved some really good marks in my studies, as well as growing my ballet school.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

Yes. I used to only be focused on my dancing but now I want to know more about the reasons why people do what they do. I'm really fortunate that I can do a degree that enriches the work I already do as well as helping me with every other facet of my life.

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

I'd tell them to do it and give it your best shot. University study is great because you can fit it around other commitments in your life, like work.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

UWS was the only university that offered what I wanted.

Any other comments or observations about university study?

Your uni days will be the best time of your life. Every one of my friends, who is already in the workforce, looks back fondly on their uni days.

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Course Information

Bachelor of Psychology



Where is it held (campus)?

Bankstown

How long is it?

4 years full time

Career opportunities:

Examples include: psychology or research positions, industrial and organisational psychology, counselling psychology, vocational psychology, clinical neuropsychology, developmental disability and educational psychology, forensic psychology and sport psychology.

Subjects include:

Examples include: Social and Developmental Psychology, Behaviour and Environment, Personality, Motivation and Emotion, Human Learning and Cognition, Abnormal Behaviour and Psychological Testing and Neuroscience.

ATAR (2010)

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Additional information:

Completion of an accredited four year program in psychology will lead to conditional registration as a psychologist-in-training by the NSW Psychologists Registration Board and associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society. On completion of a further two years of study the intern psychologist will be eligible for full registration and for membership of the society.

The fourth year of this course, if you meet the requirements, is an Honours program, involving specialised research. Fourth-year students not undertaking the Honours program will study a Specialist Psychology program comprising one core unit in psychological assessment, two electives, research methods, and an empirical research project presented as a thesis.

For more information:

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