

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES



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Degree: Bachelor of Business & Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
Year of degree: 2nd
Campus: Parramatta
High School: St Columba's High School, Springwood
Completed Year 12 in: 2007
Scholarships held: Academic Excellence

Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

Yes, mainly due to the fact that I knew others who had undertaken similar degrees previously.

How is university different from school?

Students are given more responsibility at university. The amount of time you dedicate to your studies is up to the individual. You must seek help – help doesn't follow you as it did at school. Also, the relationship with lecturers tends to be based on mutual respect, whereas in school teachers undertook a more autocratic role.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

School helped by organising trips to universities for careers fairs and with expert careers advisors dedicated to counseling.

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

I presented a bail application in a moot court, which is essentially a simulation of a real life court hearing.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

I have gained career related employment.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

No.

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

Keep two things in mind when selecting a university degree:

1. Choose something you enjoy, if you enjoy what you are doing you will be successful.
2. Keep an open mind. Many degrees lead to more than one career.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

1. UWS offered me the degree I wanted.
2. Employment opportunities for UWS graduates are good.
3. The lecturers at UWS are experienced in academic circles as well as the public and private sectors.

Course Information

Bachelor of Business & Commerce/Bachelor of Laws



Where is it held (campus)?

Parramatta

How long is it?

5 years full time

Recommended studies:

Law - Advanced English
Business & Commerce – Mathematics and any 2 unit English

Career opportunities:

Law examples include: solicitor, barrister, corporate management, education, publishing, finance, banking. The Business & Commerce course provides graduates with an understanding of the spectrum of business operations and with competencies that will enable you to act strategically and independently in your chosen field.

Subjects include:

Law: law foundation, criminal law, constitutional law, professional responsibility and legal ethics, commercial law, criminal procedure and evidence.
Business & Commerce - after a common first year you can specialise in a key area of study. For students who know which area they would like to specialise in, subjects can be taken from the first semester.

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Law = 90.00
Business & Commerce = 60.10 – 66.70 depending on the course and campus chosen

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.
Business & Commerce - this course is a broadly based, multidisciplinary course offering flexibility and choice through a range of 19 different key programs, each of which reflects a particular business discipline. Students may select any key programs offered on their home campus.

For more information:

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