

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

Name: Caroline Attar

Degree: Bachelor of Business & Commerce/Bachelor of Laws

Year of degree: 2nd

Campus: Parramatta

High School: Sefton High School

Completed Year 12 in: 2007

Scholarships held: Academic Excellence

Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

Yes because I did my research before I enrolled. The only thing I didn't expect in my degree is the amount of reading I have to do on a weekly basis.

How is university different from school?

You have to construct your own timetable, choose your subjects, enrol online, attend lectures and tutorials and complete all the additional work. Lectures have more students in them than tutorials. You are not spoon fed at university like you are at school.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

High school got me into the habit of completing my work on time, being time efficient and organising my diary. My school subjects were very similar to some of my uni subjects which has really helped. School also helped me set my future goals and achieve what I thought I wouldn't be able to achieve.

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

Every day I attend uni is interesting. Changing from day to night classes has changed my whole uni adventure. There are always new and interesting opportunities at university. Filling in this information sheet knowing it will go to my high school has been really interesting. It's not everyday one has the opportunity to do this.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

I am working in a top 500 Australian company. I've also had a lot of personal achievements. I have grown as a person and the knowledge that I am absorbing on a daily basis is amazing. This has helped me achieve results I never dreamed I could.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

As my experience in business increases my career goals for the future are also changing. I was focused on law but now my focus is business. I love where my career is going and my job is always full of surprises. You never know what to expect.

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

University study is great! It's a great opportunity to have and I would recommend everyone go for it. A university degree is more than just studying – there are new people to meet, new activities and new opportunities. University is not like school - it's better!

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

UWS had a great range of courses on offer, it was local and it's great to know that you can study on different campuses. There was less travel and UWS offered me evening classes which helped with work. I love UWS. I have many friends who have transferred to UWS because they believe that UWS has a rich culture and a great working environment.

Any other comments or observations about university study?

University life may not suit all students, but if you have the opportunity to go for it, why not? University is not hard you just have to put your mind to it and be focused!



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.**

UAI (2009)

**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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