

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

Name: Brendan Garlick

Degree: Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Advanced Business Leadership)

Year of degree: 2nd (2011)

Campus: Parramatta

High School: Winmalee High School

Completed Year 12 in: 2009

Scholarships held: Academic Excellence Scholarship



Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

Yes. The course structure on the university website shows what you will be studying throughout the course.

How is university different from school?

At school there is a lot more student-teacher interaction. At uni, study is much more self-directed. It is up to you if you attend class and how much work you put in.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

Half-yearly and yearly exams at school help prepare you for uni as you are faced with the same situation. Meeting assignment deadlines at school also helps prepare you for uni. However, at uni they are far less lenient if assignments are late.

What is the most interesting thing you've done at university so far?

Field trips and guest lecturers are the most exciting parts of uni. This year I have had tours of hotels in the Parramatta area. I have also been to Star City Casino and the NSW Art Gallery.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

- Achieving high distinctions and distinctions in my first year.
- Giving group presentations to my peers.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

Yes. The hospitality industry is extremely vast and each unit I study gives me a different perspective of it.

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

Consider all your options and talk to as many past students as you can to get a feel for what to expect after school.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

I was offered a scholarship and it was one of the few mainstream universities that offers hospitality management.

Any other comments or observations about university study?

Be open-minded and confident. If you are self-motivated you will do very well. Uni can be fun as well as stressful but it is very rewarding and you will come across and make friends with many interesting people.



Course Information



Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Advanced Business Leadership)

Where is it held (campus)?

Parramatta

How long is it?

3 years full time

Recommended studies:

Mathematics and any two units of English

Career opportunities:

This degree will equip students for management traineeships or management consultancy as well as for careers associated with the discipline in which they complete a key program.

The intention of the course is to provide a foundation for the development of Australia's future business leaders.

Subjects include:

This is a broadly based, multidisciplinary course offering flexibility and choice through a range of 16 different key programs, each of which reflects a particular business discipline. The degree seeks to equip its students with a high level of knowledge relevant to business issues in general as well as knowledge relevant to a specific business discipline.

ATAR (2011)

91.10. This course is made available to high-achieving students only.

Additional information:

In addition to entry, students must continue to perform at a high level by maintaining a GPA of at least 5.0 across three consecutive semesters (with their performance to be reviewed annually). Students that fail to meet this performance requirement will be transferred to another UWS course that is deemed relevant in terms of completing their undergraduate studies.

For more information:

Visit the UWS website course information at <http://future.uws.edu.au/>