

# SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES



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**Degree:** Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts  
**Year of degree:** 2nd  
**Campus:** Parramatta and Bankstown  
**High School:** Girraween High School  
**Completed Year 12 in:** 2007  
**Scholarships held:** Academic Excellence

**Is the degree or course structure what you expected?**

The Law component wasn't what I expected – it turned out to be so much more fun! For Arts I chose psychology as my key program and I am also enjoying that very much. I think my degree is awesome.

**How is university different from school?**

You're literally on your own when it comes to studying. There's no detention if you don't do homework and instead of getting letters sent home for failing a subject, you have to repeat the course. Pretty scary, actually.

**How did high school help you in preparing for university?**

The way I studied in high school for exams set the standard for the way I study at uni now. High school is much more rigid in its routine whereas uni is more flexible. But I still miss high school, no doubt.

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

Some of the assignments we get are fun to do. For one of my psych assignments we were asked to get a five year old child to draw a picture of a person for us to analyse. It was SO cute!

**What are some of your achievements since you started university?**

I'm very happy with my grades. Getting a scholarship was my first real achievement, but making sure I keep up the good marks to maintain it is the real achievement for me in the end.

**Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?**

Not really. If anything, starting my course has strengthened my decision to pursue this career.

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

Do a course that you enjoy. It makes being at uni so much more fun and easier, and if it's something you really like, life will be absolutely sweet when you graduate.

**Why did you choose to study at UWS?**

UWS is a young university, which means its resources are new, fresh, up-to-date and valuable. The location of the campuses is also a big plus because it's so close to home for me.

# Course Information



## Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts

Where is it held (campus)?

Parramatta and Bankstown

How long is it?

5 years full time

Recommended studies:

Law - Advanced English  
Arts – Any two units of 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.  
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.

UAI (2009)

Law = 90.00  
Arts = 70.00 – 70.30 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.  
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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