WELL ON TRACK

A reputable school with interesting courses and good lecturers ensures a fulfilling learning experience for Toh Ming Hui, 25.

What attracted you to the University of Adelaide’s (UA) Bachelor of Commerce (Management) programme?
Ranked among the top one percent of universities worldwide (by London-based QS World University Rankings 2014/15), UA is also part of the Group of Eight, which is made up of Australia’s top research-intensive universities. Its Bachelor of Commerce programme is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). In addition, I was drawn to the programme structure, Ngee Ann-Adelaide’s (NAA) centrally located campus and international learning opportunities via the student exchange programme.

How does this programme enhance your personal and professional growth?
It has allowed me to fuse my interest in marketing, having majored in the subject at Nanyang Polytechnic prior to joining NAA, with management skills in a creative, practical and professional manner. Specialising in the field of management has also helped me develop interpersonal and social skills, conflict management and negotiation skills that are applicable in any industry.

Tell us about the curriculum.
Of the 12 modules, I find Managing Conflict & Change and Organisational Behaviour most interesting. Both modules teach us how to become effective managers.

How would you describe the teaching environment?
NAA offers a very conducive environment. Classes are kept at optimal sizes to achieve better lecturer-student interactions and a more personalised coaching approach. The lecturers, who are flown in from UA, are professional and always willing to share real-life case studies to facilitate their teachings. Classes are engaging and filled with activities, exercises and games to promote critical thinking. One of my favourite lecturers is Ms Lois Whittal. Her lectures in Organisational Behaviour and Human Resource Management were insightful.

Having just graduated in December, what do you plan to do next?
I plan to work as a management trainee or an intern, so I can gain job experience and apply what I have learnt in school. I intend to pursue a postgraduate degree after working for at least three years.

Being a recipient of the prestigious Ngee Ann Kongqi Scholarship has not only helped me financially, but also motivated me to work harder.

What is your advice for students?
Consider the programme availability and the campus environment. UA offers bond-free scholarships and an exchange programme with the universities in America, Europe, United Kingdom or Asia. Students can opt for an accelerated study route by enrolling for Summer/Winter school terms at the campus in Adelaide. The university also grants advanced standing to students with relevant local polytechnic diplomas.

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