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Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: Literature, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematical Methods, Religion and Society Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement.
- Year 12: Literature, English, Physics, Mathematical Methods, Further Mathematics.

Why did you choose these subjects? I originally aimed to study Engineering at university. I did Mathematical Methods and Physics for the Engineering prerequisites, but did Literature because I enjoyed it. English and Further Mathematics were my “relax” subjects – the ones I didn’t worry about too much.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I used the university prerequisite guide to select the subjects I needed to get into my course. I used the College Career Adviser to help me decide on subjects I wouldn’t be panicking about and that wouldn’t be as stressful as the others.

What is your course like? My course is amazing. It’s incredibly theory based in the first few years, but there are glimpses of what the career will look like with observational placement. As you progress through, things actually become easier. You can see where you’re going with more Pharmacy based subjects, rather than straight science subjects like Chemistry or Biology.

What do you love about your course? The thing that I love most about my course is the opportunity to get so involved in the actual field before you graduate. There are part-time jobs for pharmacy students which allow you to work within a dispensary setting as well as great pharmacy organisations that assist in hospital pharmacy work.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your course? The subjects I did at school prepared me for my original course (Engineering) – and they were extremely helpful. Having my rules books for mathematics is a huge bonus during the calculus subjects. Further Mathematics is also a huge help to pharmacy mathematics and some chemistry.

A lot of the content you learn in school is a good basis and makes the first couple of years at university a bit easier. But ultimately, if school doesn’t go the way you planned, there are always ways you can get to where you want to be

Course information: Bachelor of Pharmacy, La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/1GgeCDg>