

# JAKE CURTIS

## ECONOMICS/FINANCE

### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



#### Senior School Subjects

- Year 10: English, Mathematical Methods Units 1 + 2 Early Advancement, French, Outdoor Education, Teenagers and the Law, Business Accounting, Science, Religion/CEPD.
- Year 11: English, Mathematical Methods Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, French, Physics, Specialist Mathematics.
- Year 12: English, Specialist Mathematics, French, Physics, Business Management.

**Why did you choose these subjects?** For Law, Accounting & Business Management I thought they would be useful to learn about (and they were easily the most useful subjects for my university course). Maths because that's what you do when you're good at maths isn't it? English was compulsory but I also enjoyed it and French and Physics purely out of interest and a desire to be able to understand both.

**What resources did you use to choose subjects?** I saw the College Career Adviser to figure out what would be useful for getting into university, the Senior Course Guide and friends from the year level above.

**What is your course like?** 8 hours of lectures a week and 4 hours of classes, with a lot of self driven learning outside of that. There are more choices of subjects than you can imagine at Melbourne Uni, and all the commerce based subjects interlock and enable you to build a broad understanding of business topics from an economic, financial, accounting, marketing, and management point of view. Economics is a social science, it studies how consumers make decisions, how we can influence those decisions with motivators to make the world better or worse off. A mix of sociology and maths to make sense of the world we live in in a rational, logical manner.

You learn information that is very relevant to the 'real world' often even analysing the economic policy announcements from that very morning on the news. If you want to understand the decision making behind government policy, interest rates, share markets, banks or even just how people decide to spend their own money, economics is a very useful subject to study

**What do you love about your course?** I love learning content that I can look at and immediately apply to how I watch the news and make decisions- it is so satisfying. A lot of people at school and even at university say that they think what they are learning is a waste of time, and I never feel that in a commerce subject.

**How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your university course?** Unfortunately with commerce VCE doesn't have many subjects that can help, and CCW didn't run with economics as a subject when I was there. However Accounting, Legal Studies and Business Management subjects (even at a Year 10 level) have proven to be very useful. But really what the school offers is it teaches us how to learn. Also being able to write well and doing high level mathematics are super helpful in many aspects!

**Course information:** Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne, <http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/>