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Senior School Subjects

- Year 11 – Literature, General Mathematics, Legal Studies, Sociology, Religion, Drama Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement.
- Year 12 – English, Further Mathematics, Legal Studies, Politics, Media.

Why did you choose these subjects? Despite the reputation I may hold as a confident, driven and really really ridiculously good-looking person, I had no clue what I wanted to do after Year 12. Twas the spring of 2014, and the idea of studying Environments was welcomed with open arms as I quickly dismissed my current plans to pursue a career in annihilating all the magpies near my house. So the subjects I chose for senior school were ultimately ones that correlated with my interests, and what I thought I would be good at.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I primarily used the Senior Course Guide, and compared the dismal scores I got in subjects like Mathematics: Pre-Methods with the somewhat less dismal scores I got in humanities subjects to shape my Year 12 plans.

What is your course like? My course is excellent. If you love both science and humanities it is definitely the course for you. If you're like me and hate science, it's ok, you can avoid a lot of it, but there will be one or two subjects in this degree where you'll have to suck it up.

What do you love about your course? I love learning about various perspectives of nature and sustainability. I enjoy the flexibility to learn so many areas of environments as well as the opportunity to learn about things completely different through Melbourne Uni's breadth track program. Many people think undertaking an environmental degree sets in motion a science-orientated education. However, this Bachelor degree gives you the chance to learn about the legal, political, philosophical and management side of it.

Give students an example of a 'day in the life' of your course? Currently, a day in the life of my course would be going to classes that teach you about the problems and solutions to famines (in relation to population growth and water scarcity), environmental philosophy (which looks at the Indigenous approach to proper land care and sustainability), environmental law and science. I am at uni approximately 16 hrs a week, usually there are 2 lectures and 1 tutorial per subject.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? Year 12 was extremely helpful for some subjects, such as the political and legally orientated ones, and English for essays. But for others, you pick it up as you go along pretty quickly. I did nothing environmental in secondary school and I was still in the same boat as everyone else in my tutorials for each subject. I would recommend doing politics and law for this degree, and pay attention in your English classes because you're in for a tonne of essays.

What advice can you offer students considering studying this course? Most definitely go to as many open days as possible. Read as many course guides as you can. Plan out what you will do in your first semester at university by looking at what subjects you could do.

What are your future career goals? I would like to work for institutions like the Forest Stewardship Council or Parks Victoria. Ultimately in a sustainable management focused career

Course information: Please note that the Bachelor of Environments at the University of Melbourne is no longer accepting enrollments. The Bachelor of Environment and Society at RMIT is a good alternative option - <http://bit.ly/29Oc1pa>