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Senior School Subjects

- Year 11 – Literature, History, Sociology, Studio Arts, Religion and Society Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, Further Mathematics Units 3 + 4 Advancement.
- Year 12 – Literature, English, History, Sociology, Studio Arts.

Why did you choose these subjects? I always chose subjects that I enjoyed. I always thought that I'd get better marks for subjects that I had fun in and thought were interesting, rather than worrying about scaling and prerequisites.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I spoke to the College Career Adviser and read the Senior Course Guide.

What was your course like? I decided to study journalism because I love writing and all forms of literature. I wanted, and I still want to become a novelist, but I'm a realist and knew that I needed a job to pay the bills before I could be the next Jane Austin. Journalism was a natural choice. I loved everything about my course. I found it complimented my existing skills, and gave me new ones. I enjoyed the atmosphere at uni more than anything I think. It's strange to be in a place that's filled with like-minded adults, from all over Australia and the world, who are all working towards something equally as cool as you are.

What was your honours year like? When I received an offer to do honours I jumped at the opportunity as I thought it would give me a leg up in the job market. For my honours I took my university experience and decided to research it. I'd noticed at uni that most young people didn't understand or care about politics. I decided to find out why that was, and what the media could do to change it. As part of my honours I built and maintained a website, had a party, did a stack of research and wrote a 15,000 word thesis.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? I majored in Sociology at uni. My background in photography made life a lot easier, as well as my writing skills.

What is your graduate position and what do you love about your job? I work at a media monitoring firm as a Social Media Professional. I love being surrounded by the news. I love being ahead of the traditional news, as my space is social and online (the breaking news outlets). I love being on the cutting edge of the media market and being a part of the future of the media.

Course information: Bachelor of Journalism, University of Canberra, <http://bit.ly/1YjVQ4e>