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ACCOUNTING CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY



Senior School Subjects

- Year 10 – English, Mathematical Methods Units 1 + 2 Early Advancement, P.E. For Boys, Religion & Society Units 1 + 2 Early Advancement, Japanese, Psychology
- Year 11 – English, Mathematical Methods Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, Religion & Society Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, Japanese, Accounting, Legal Studies
- Year 12 – English, Japanese, Further Mathematics, Accounting, Legal Studies

Why did you choose these subjects?

- I chose Mathematical Methods upon recommendation from my mathematics teachers in lower year levels.
- Religion and Society - because it appeared to be the more engaging of the religion based subjects for me personally, as it contained historical content, as well as providing the opportunity to have another Unit 3 + 4 subject under my belt to add to my ATAR score.
- Languages have always been an interest of mine, so Japanese was a subject that I chose because I enjoyed it.
- Finally I chose Accounting and Legal Studies because during Years 10 - 12 I was tossing up between a career in accounting or law. By taking both subjects I was able to get an elementary feel of what each of those careers would entail.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? Largely my reference point in choosing my subjects was the College Careers Adviser. By sitting down with her and discussing the courses that I was interested in at university, she was able to help me choose subjects that would put me in the best position for entry into those courses and for choosing subjects that would allow me to get a feel for those university courses.

What was your course like? Studying through Charles Sturt University (CSU) provided me the flexibility to work full time in an accounting traineeship with a local firm, Stewart Tracy & Mylon whilst studying part time. CSU provided a broad range of elective subjects, allowing me to undertake a number of additional law subjects, which assisted in my career path.

What did you love about your course? I found the best parts of my course to be the subjects on offer. There were a number of accounting and law subjects that were particularly beneficial to preparing me for a career in accounting.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your university course? The subjects that I undertook at school gave me a good foundation for first year university. In particular, Accounting Units 3 + 4 and Legal Studies Units 3 + 4 give a good understanding of a lot of the content that is covered in first year accounting and law subjects at university.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? Upon completion of my undergraduate degree, I was promoted from being a trainee accountant to a graduate accountant with Stewart Tracy & Mylon, performing general business services and audit services.

Following a few months as a graduate with Stewart Tracy & Mylon, I moved firms to Crowe Horwath to a Taxation and Superannuation Technical Advisory role. This graduate position involved assisting with group restructures, complex financial modelling, forensic accounting and providing technical advisory services to a broad range of clients.

I have since moved to Melbourne to undertake an intermediate corporate advisory position with EGA Corporate Advisers. In this role I provide compliance and technical advisory services to industry leading businesses with annual turnovers greater than \$10 million.

What do you enjoy about your job? In my current role I am exposed to a large variety of industry leading businesses and have the opportunity to assist them in their compliance as well as provide them with structuring, technical and business management advice. I enjoy the daily challenge of dealing with large businesses who are constantly looking to improve their business practices to maintain their positions as industry leaders.

In addition, I have access to ongoing, interactive professional mentoring to continue my development into a well-rounded expert. Finally I enjoy the opportunity to analyse client structures and provide clients with advice to allow them to structure their enterprises and transactions in the most commercially, financially and tax efficient manner.

Course information: Bachelor of Accounting, Charles Sturt University, <http://bit.ly/29EN3qM>