

Making the most of what Monash has to offer. By Alex Nguyen

The best thing about doing an Arts degree is the flexibility and choice it offers. Unlike most other bachelor programs at University you choose your major and minor studies from a field of subject choices that are available. The choices are endless, you can choose from the range of subjects offered by the Arts Faculty as well as other faculties such as Business or IT. Do the subjects you enjoy and do those that will prepare you for your career, after all that is what an Arts degree is all about. It's about tailoring a degree to suit your needs, and not the other way around. For example, I have been able to do subjects that I enjoy (Politics and Criminology) as well as those that will prepare me for a possible future career in Public Relations (Media & Communications and Public Relations).

With only a few weeks left to go before graduation, I have found that time really does fly by. You really need to make the most of your time as a student because once you leave and start full time employment, you'll find out just how easy you had it. Say goodbye to the three day timetable and long summer holidays, and welcome the 9-5 work. So join a club today while you still can and make the most of it! Monash offers a range of clubs and activities on campus, so you'll surely find one that caters for your interests. I can't stress enough the benefits and opportunities you have as a club member. It gives you a chance to make new friends as well as take on leadership roles that will look great on your resume! Having completed the internship program, I can tell you that recruiters are not just looking for graduates who have the grades but those who are involved with campus life.

Like all others in their final year of university, I started the year full of uncertainties and questions. What am I going to do with an Arts degree? Do I want to continue with further study or find a job? How do I go about finding a job after I finish? Uncertain and wanting my questions answered, I decided to visit the Monash University Careers and Employment website. Looking back, I would have to say that was one wise decision that I made. I found out about the variety of services they offer students. With graduate recruitment deadlines coming up in March I decided to make good use of those services. I went to get my resume checked before I applied for positions and attended the various employability skills workshop offered on campus throughout the year. All in all, I learnt how to sell myself better to potential employers and more importantly what they look for in graduates. Finding that these services had a lot to offer, I made surfing the Careers and Employment website a routine and that's when I stumbled across the Careers and Employment Internship. I applied and found myself a few weeks later, helping out at the Vacation Fair, updating company databases, finding graduate jobs and saving them to file, as well as promoting Careers and Employment services to students.

All in all, the Monash University Careers and Employment Internship has helped me answer some of the questions I had, explore the opportunities I have as an Arts graduate, allowed me to gain some insight into the graduate recruitment and selection process, as well as offering me work experience

that would look great on my resume. It has given me the confidence to look ahead to the future with great optimism. My advice to you, is make the most of what Careers and Employment has to offer. You'll find that the staff there are more than happy to help. It has helped me, many students who went before me and will certainly help many more students after me!