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## Who are you currently working for and what is your job title?

I work at Santander as a Personal Banking Advisor (part of the graduate retail scheme).

## Why did you originally apply to Birmingham?

It was a top 20 UK university and it was close to home

## What are the main benefits of studying Sociology at Birmingham?

A well respected university worldwide and an excellent academic department, opens doors for various career aspirations

## Did you find the Sociology programme at Birmingham challenging or easy?

It was challenging and enjoyable, the final year was the toughest as I had to complete my dissertation which is largely an independent piece of work.

## How does the study of sociology continue to impact on your life / experiences?

This undergraduate degree lead me on to complete a Masters in Criminology at the LSE and eventually my first job with the Police, I can interact better with people both personally and professionally because of what I learned in Sociology at Birmingham.

## What advice would you give to current students studying sociology?

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## What are your fondest memories of the University?

The best bits were just coming in to Uni for lectures with my friends and then going to Chickens Joe's for lunch, you don't realise how good Uni life is and how fast time goes by. Graduation day was the fondest memory I have of the University.

## How did you grow as a person by coming to University?

University made me more independent, more responsible. It added structure and knowledge to my life, I made friends at Uni whom I'm still friends with today.

## What did you think of the learning experience within the University?

I found everything valuable at Birmingham, I went on to do my masters at LSE and the essays / dissertation I did at Birmingham was great experience and preparation for what was to come.

## How has your career developed since graduating from the University of Birmingham?

Birmingham University and the education I received there has got me where I am today, without it I wouldn't have got to LSE to do my Masters or my first job at the Police.