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BA Mathematics & Music - 2007

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How have you got where you are today, from your student days?

After completion of my undergraduate degree, I enrolled on the MSc Mathematical Finance postgraduate programme also at the University of Birmingham. I applied for finance and actuarial positions and joined the FSA in September 2008.

What were the best things about the education that you received at Birmingham?

Opportunities to choose modules in the fields I was most interested in, with full support from the Mathematics lecturers.

How did your time at Birmingham influence your career path? Did it do so directly or indirectly?

The finance fairs and careers service at Birmingham was extremely knowledgeable about careers in financial services. I was also able to discuss my postgraduate course with the course directors prior to application. It was my postgraduate course which influenced my choice of career most.

Other than your qualification in your subject area, what other skills do you think your time at Birmingham developed?

I became involved in volunteer projects gaining valuable experience to enhance my CV.

In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?

It exceeded my expectations.

What advice would you give to current students studying on your degree programme?

Make careful, informed decisions on the earlier subjects you take as some third year modules require pre-requisites!

What are your memories of student social life?

There are many events organised by the Guild that bring together students from all different disciplines so there are plenty of opportunities to take part in the university social scene and meet as many people as possible!

What were your expectations of the City of Birmingham and how did your expectations of the City match your experience?

I come from the West Midlands so I was used to Birmingham and what it had to offer.