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Having always wanted to enter a career in finance, I knew it was important to study a college course which would allow me to progress to university, and give me a chance to gain an understanding of the sector. I completed a BTEC National Certificate in Business and Finance at Greenwich Community College. Studying this course helped me decide that a career in financial services was something I definitely wanted to aim for.

I'm currently studying for a BSc in Economics and Business Finance, which is providing me with a good platform to pursue my ambitions. I'm developing knowledge about economics and making decisions in a competitive financial environment. I am studying a range of different modules including micro and macro economics, corporate finance, corporate investment, economic modelling and financial accounting. I'm really enjoying learning about macro-economics, particularly as I am able to relate the theory to the current economic crisis. It's helping me to understand how economics works in real life, which is really important when entering a career in the sector.

I'm hoping to enter the sector as a financial analyst in investment banking. I'm working hard to achieve good grades as this will certainly help me in getting a job. I'm developing skills on my degree that will support my aim, including the ability to be analytical and to think critically. My maths and numerate skills have also been enhanced and these will be important to help me enter the industry. I've had the opportunity to develop investment and management skills, which gives me an opportunity to show potential employers that I have the skills profile that they require.

Alongside my studies, I also work part time as a sales assistant in a retail shop. This experience is really useful as it allows me to develop skills such as customer services and sales in a business environment which will be needed when I begin my career in financial services.

If people are keen to progress to university to study a course such mine, I would recommend that they focus on developing critical thinking skills as this will really support them in their course. I'm really enjoying my degree course and looking forward to where it will lead me in the future.



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