Name: Lourdes Samson
Degree: Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts
Year of degree: 2nd
Campus: Parramatta and Bankstown
High School: Girraween High School
Completed Year 12 in: 2007
Scholarships held: Academic Excellence

Is the degree or course structure what you expected?
The Law component wasn’t what I expected – it turned out to be so much more fun! For Arts I chose psychology as my key program and I am also enjoying that very much. I think my degree is awesome.

How is university different from school?
You’re literally on your own when it comes to studying. There’s no detention if you don’t do homework and instead of getting letters sent home for failing a subject, you have to repeat the course. Pretty scary, actually.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?
The way I studied in high school for exams set the standard for the way I study at uni now. High school is much more rigid in its routine whereas uni is more flexible. But I still miss high school, no doubt.

What is the most interesting thing you’ve done at university this year?
Some of the assignments we get are fun to do. For one of my psych assignments we were asked to get a five year old child to draw a picture of a person for us to analyse. It was SO cute!

What are some of your achievements since you started university?
I’m very happy with my grades. Getting a scholarship was my first real achievement, but making sure I keep up the good marks to maintain it is the real achievement for me in the end.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?
Not really. If anything, starting my course has strengthened my decision to pursue this career.

What advice would you give to students at your high school about pursuing university study?
Do a course that you enjoy. It makes being at uni so much more fun and easier, and if it’s something you really like, life will be absolutely sweet when you graduate.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?
UWS is a young university, which means its resources are new, fresh, up-to-date and valuable. The location of the campuses is also a big plus because it’s so close to home for me.
# Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts

**Where is it held (campus)?** Parramatta and Bankstown  
**How long is it?** 5 years full time  
**Recommended studies:**  
- Law - Advanced English  
- Arts – Any two units of English  
**Career opportunities:**  
- Law examples include: solicitor, barrister, corporate management, education, publishing, finance and banking.  
- Arts examples include: arts administration, teaching (with further study), writer/author, politician, linguist, community planner, librarian, researcher, public relations, information technology and social policy development.  
**Subjects include:**  
- Law: law foundation, criminal law, constitutional law, professional responsibility and legal ethics, commercial law, criminal procedure and evidence.  
- Arts major studies include: Humanities (art history, cinema studies, Asian studies, international relations, cultural and social analysis, politics, philosophy), Islamic studies, Languages, Psychology and Social Ecology.  
**UAI (2009)**  
- Law = 90.00  
- Arts = 70.00 – 70.30 depending on the course and campus chosen  
**Additional information:**  
- Law – this course combines a broad liberal legal education with a strong practical orientation. It is designed to equip students with the required knowledge and skills for legal practice.  
- Arts – different majors are available at the various campuses – check the location of your preferred area of study. At UWS the topics of study blend theory along with their practical application.  
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