

Making Articulation Work for Legal Eagle Christopher



Christopher Greig is currently undertaking a BA (Hons) Law and Management at Robert Gordon University.

Christopher had always wanted to go to university. He researched the learning opportunities available locally and the HND Legal Services course on the Aberdeen College website caught his eye straight away. He applied for the course and was successful in gaining a place. Thanks to an existing articulation agreement with the Robert Gordon University (RGU), Christopher was able to use SCQF credit transfer on completion of his HND to fulfil his dream of going to university. The amount and relevance of the credit transferred allowed him to articulate straight into the third year of the BA (Hons) in Law and Management at RGU.

Of his experience Christopher says, "I feel that HND Legal Services is a fantastic course as I had the opportunity to study different areas of law such as criminal, commercial and family law. I enjoyed the third part of the graded unit - this was a report where I researched a specific area of the law that I found interesting and another related topic. The course prepared me for University as it gave me a good grounding on modules that I am now studying there."

Christopher thinks that University is very different to College. He explains, "At University, there is a huge emphasis on self study. At College, I was assessed by continuous assessment whereas at University my assessments consist of coursework and exams. At University my timetable is divided into lectures and tutorials but at College I was taught in classes. Tutorials are great as they allow me to work with other students as well as providing the opportunity for me to apply the knowledge gained in the previous lecture. The content of the course at Robert Gordon University is really good. The range of subjects that is covered really helps to set up the student for future employment in the business sector. The benefits of being an Associate Student came in handy when studying for my graded Unit at the Library and using the Legal Database."

Christopher feels that two years each way is sufficient as it is equivalent to the length of a full Honours course. He adds, "The best thing is that I will graduate from University at the same time as the majority of my former colleagues at school who went directly into a University course at the end of sixth year."

In future he hopes to obtain the NEBOSH and IBOSH qualifications which will allow him to work in the oil industry, mainly in the capacity of health and safety, risk management or contracts.

Christopher concludes, "Going through the Uni-link programme was right for me. I would recommend this route to anyone who would like the opportunity of University. I have hugely benefited from this path. College sets you up nicely for the University experience and I'm very grateful to Aberdeen College and Robert Gordon University for allowing me to pursue this path."