



Immanuel's Story



A University Partner Success Story

Tell us about yourself

Hello, I'm Immanuel Phan and I am from Indonesia. I am taking the AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies (Fast Track) programme.

How long have you been in the online programme?

I started the programme at the end of January 2020, so it has been almost five months.

Why did you choose UP Education?

I really liked the idea of living in New Zealand and studying at an English-speaking university but my skills weren't good enough. I talked to my agent who was really helpful and who recommended UP Education and Auckland University of Technology for my goals. UP Education have been helping people like me for more than twenty years, so I really feel like they are experts. I'm really grateful for the help they gave me through the application process and all the help I've had since.

Why did you choose to pursue your studies online?

I didn't want to waste time at home during Covid-19 restrictions so I decided to get on with it and switch to online study. UP Education were already experienced in online programme delivery so it wasn't hard to make the move. It really was the right choice because I'm feeling like I'm ready and it means I can still go to university in July as planned. I'm very excited.

Student Profile

STUDENT NAME

Immanuel Phan

NATIONALITY

Indonesian

PROGRAMME

AUT Certificate in Foundation Studies (Fast Track) Programme

UNIVERSITY DESTINATION

Auckland University of Technology (AUT), New Zealand

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How has your online experience been so far?

Studying online from home is actually really good, and you don't feel alone. Live video classes mean you're still learning with other people. Each week, teachers set out the work expected for the week and then they're always there to help. They're very good teachers and the programme is so good anyway. I just get more time for focused study now.

How are you finding the learning experience with your teachers in the online environment?

You never have to worry about not understanding anything. UP Education teachers are extremely experienced with international students and very helpful. They understand our challenges and often go above and beyond to make sure I pass my assignments. Our tutors also get in touch with us personally to talk things through and make sure we're progressing well and that we're happy. I always feel as supported as I would in class.

Can you describe your daily schedule for us?

The day is a mix of live video classes and working through tasks using the interactive learning tools and recorded videos. I often work in the evening to finish assignments. It's quite intensive but it is flexible. Obviously no-one can make you work, but it's up to you to be self-disciplined if you want to learn, succeed at university and do well in your career. So I make sure I attend classes and follow a schedule to stay on track. Besides, learning activities can be really fun and I really enjoy practising my English with friends.

What systems/applications do you use every day? Are they easy to use?

We use a variety of learning platforms, like Zoom for real-time classes and Blackboard, which makes it super easy for us to get all the information we need, in a clear way. We do flipped learning which means we receive pre-recorded lessons so we know what we're going to learn before discussing it in class. We had already been using it on campus so it wasn't hard to fully switch over when restrictions started.

What are the benefits to studying online?

To begin with, I don't have to get up so early in the morning! I am also saving money on fuel and food by studying at home. With less time spent getting ready to go to class and with no travel time I have more time to study and think. I actually feel quite relaxed, and I think this makes me a capable student. I look forward to being on campus again and enjoying the full student experience, but I have to admit that there are a lot of advantages to online learning. I would do it again.

What are your plans for your future?

I don't have any specific plans yet. I'm just glad I'm ready for this next step and excited about the interesting subjects I've chosen. I think diverse experiences in the first year will help me make my choices for my career.

What advice would you give other students who are thinking of studying online?

Do it. You've probably already put a lot of effort into planning your studies for 2020, and you'll have been looking forward to taking your next step. So, give yourself a head-start and make the most of this time and start studying online now to get ready to go to university. The programmes are very good and the teachers are excellent, kind and caring. You will not regret it.



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