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Pimpisa's Story



A University Partner Success Story

Tell us about yourself

I am Pimpisa Petchsud and I am from Thailand. I am currently undertaking the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme online with UP Education.

How long have you been in the online programme?

I started the programme just over two months ago at the end of February 2020.

Why did you choose UP Education?

I studied in Auckland two years ago and, after taking a gap year in Thailand, I decided to come back to study in New Zealand since I loved it so much the first time. I really want to study at an English-speaking university. I contacted my agent and she recommended UP Education for their expertise with international students. The application process was really smooth and the programme is going very well. UP Education have been in the industry for a long time and I feel they really know what they are doing.

Why did you choose to pursue your studies online?

I am really interested in taking psychology as a major and Victoria University of Wellington is one of the best. UP Education provides a good pathway to the University, and taking this programme online now means I'm not wasting my time. The teachers are very experienced and supportive, so I feel like I'm really learning and not missing out. I know I'll be fully prepared and have all the skills in time for university next February.

Student Profile

STUDENT NAME

Pimpisa Petchsud

NATIONALITY

Thai

PROGRAMME

Victoria University of Wellington
Foundation Studies Programme,
January 2020

UNIVERSITY DESTINATION

Victoria University of Wellington,
Wellington, New Zealand

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How has your online experience been so far?

I personally really enjoy it. It gives me the freedom to self-study and coordinate my own time and work, but I never feel alone. Teachers are always available to help and it's a surprisingly social experience. I feel that it is a good opportunity to learn to become an independent learner and develop good habits and skills. I would love to do it again.

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

The teachers have made learning online a good experience and lot easier and smoother than I expected. They are really helpful and have been super supportive and caring. They're very clear with instructions and provide a lot of assistance. I feel I get plenty of personal attention and they've been great mentors over getting to university.

Can you describe your daily schedule for us?

Classes and assignments start first thing in the morning. We cover our tasks during live video classes then work through them using pre-recorded videos, English practice tasks and a range of interactive activities. Classes last until late afternoon, so then I take a break and finish any remaining work in the evening. It's full-on but very manageable.

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

There is a mixture of platforms, all of which make the transition to online study pretty manageable. UP Education delivers the programmes using a flipped-learning system, which means we get all our study content upfront and can prepare beforehand and talk about work with confidence. The Blackboard teaching resource we use works well for this and it's great for keeping track of assignments. We also use Zoom and Microsoft Teams for online classes and I use PowerPoint and Word to produce my work. It's a good combination.

What are the benefits to studying online?

I really enjoy the flexibility online learning has given me. I feel that I have a lot of freedom to coordinate my work as I please and it's also taught me to be much more independent with the way that I learn and approach my work. In practical terms it also saves time because I don't have to travel to campus. It's very comfortable studying from home and I save on bus fares and spend less on food in town. It's ideal for students who work part-time.

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

Online learning through UP Education is a great option and I would certainly recommend it. They are very professional. You get the same content, service and level of support as you would in person. It also gives you flexibility, so I would advise students to make sure to use free time wisely and put it to good use. I believe I have given myself a strong advantage and you should too.



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