

A STUDENT'S VIEW

BA Accounting & Business - The Flying Start Programme



Ben Robinson

Graduate

on the benefits of BA Accounting & Business

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Ben, how did you choose to study at the Henley Business School at Reading, and why?

'I'd decided that I wanted to be at university in or around London, and when I visited the campus at Reading I was really impressed with the facilities and people. I originally signed up for the Accounting & Economics course, but within a few days of starting that, I became aware of a brand new programme – Accounting & Business – that offered placements and the chance of a job at PwC, so I immediately switched to that.'

So has the course lived up to your expectations so far, and what have been the highlights?

'The course has definitely exceeded my expectations. We do our placements in the second, third and fourth years, and they have given me way more responsibility than I could have imagined; I've even got graduates working for me!

'Once each placement has finished, and we go back to uni, it seems to all make sense: we can apply what we've learned and can see how it can make a real difference in a real work situation.

'I've also been surprised at just how good the lecturers are at the university. The experience they've had of working in business and industry gives us some extra insights into how to apply the things we've learned. They really are brilliant.'

So what are your hopes for the future?

'Well provided I get at least a 2:1 in my degree, I'm guaranteed a position at PwC, and at the moment I'm on course for a first, so it's all looking very positive!'

And what advice would you offer to anyone considering the course?

'The course itself is really valuable, and it's a fantastic starting point for anyone who wants to become a chartered accountant. I really don't think there's anywhere better.

'The social life is fantastic – there's always something to do. I'm into rugby, so I play for the university team, but there's a society for everything, so whatever you're interested in, there will be a group to join.

'You do need to be willing to learn, and willing to go the extra mile, to be proactive in your learning. The course is quite demanding, so you need to have a positive outlook and enjoy it. But if you do, you'll have a great experience.'

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