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I have always been interested in finding out about the world outside Singapore, learning about the different cultures and how life is like outside Singapore. Pursuing the Diploma in International Business was one of the steps I took in order to learn more about how the businesses and events occurring outside Singapore is affecting our country. Despite not enjoying plane flights, I absolutely adore being overseas and getting to know more about the different countries and people there.

It is intriguing to know what it is like for some people to work in a certain place, or another who has worked in several countries before. I have gotten the opportunity to talk to several of such people before and it truly is eye-opening to see how knowledgeable and experienced they are in such areas. I am a person who does not enjoy taking much risks, but I love to learn new things and gain more experience in life while further improving myself.

I am an introvert, but when the situation calls for it, I am able to speak to others easily. I am very interested in dancing and doing charity work. I have been dancing for five years and I do it as a hobby. I am not very good at it but it helps me relieve stress that tends to build up during school time.

I think that doing charity work helps me learn a lot of things and it also made me more sensitive to others when I am doing something. Empathy is something I definitely learnt after taking part in several charity events. I am someone who procrastinates a lot but am able to focus well once I start doing something. I prefer doing minimal work and achieving a good result through that. I believe that life is so much more than just studying, thus I do not spend most of my time studying as I do not think that studying

extremely hard is worth placing a pause on other aspects of my life. I hope that I can become more aware of the on-goings in the world after studying in International Business. CPP module has encouraged me to start finding out more about myself and think about what I would like to do in the future.

I do have some doubts about what I would like to become in the future but I believe that this is all part and parcel in life as who knows what is going to happen in a few months, let alone, years, time. However, I have managed to narrow down to a few jobs that I am interested in doing. I am interested in becoming a Business Analyst in the engineering sector.

According to the Villanova University, the role of the Business Analyst includes helping businesses implement technology solutions in a way which minimizes costs by setting the requirements of a project or program, as well as acting as the key interface between users and the project manager. These would aid the organization in achieving goals in the ever-changing market through projects that produce goods and services to fulfill consumers' wants and needs. One of the most important skills a Business Analyst needs to have is requirement management. They often have to take up the role of a leader when aiding with the business case, planning and monitoring, requirements organization, translating and simplifying requirements as well as requirements analysis. Using these requirements, business analysts would be able to gather information, process documents and confirm the final documents with the users. The qualifications required for a business analyst is at least a bachelor's degree in most cases, but some employers would hire people with a two-year degree and relevant experience. Business analysis

programs are not available in many places, thus many business analysts earn degrees in related fields which includes information technology or business administration. Business analysts have to obtain certain essential skills such as written and verbal communication as well as technical writing skills in order to conduct meetings and presentations that share their ideas.

They also have to be able to write down the process to getting to their goal as well as the results at the end. They would be the ones who are managing the projects, thinking up the plans as well as monitoring the progress. The goal would be to master skills needed to implement advanced strategies for gathering, reviewing and analyzing data requirements as well as apply best practices for effective communication and problem-solving. Not only that, business analysts have to know how to evaluate business processes and observe for areas of improvement. With the help of the Job Street website, there is a Business Analyst job posting for a Marine Shipping company which is a MNC located in central Singapore. The job description shows that the business analyst is responsible for monitoring financial planning and performance, and raising financial matters directly to the Managers or Director as required, act as the interface between the Team and Finance and Accounting (F&A), and develop implementation plans associated with strategic initiatives rolled out by F&A in association with other Team Business Analysts. I am interested in this job as I think that it is interesting to study a company's finances and the projects and ideas they have, finding a way to improve the way the project is implemented and how the money is spent in order to help save money and minimize losses. I think that the feeling of

helping in a project and seeing how it affects the company overall would be very fulfilling.

In International Business, we have to take the modules Business Communication one, two and three and these modules will aid in the improvement of my presentation skills and critical thinking skills. These would help me when having to communicate and present my ideas and the progress of projects that I would be taking up when I am doing this job. Besides that, critical thinking will be required when I meet any problems while overseeing and assisting in projects while dealing with the finance. I am currently taking French as well as this may be essential in some cases when the company which employed me are looking to expand overseas and require some market research to be done.

Cost and Managerial Accounting, and International Human Capital Management would be useful in my future job as well. These modules will teach me how to manage and work with my future team. Not only that, I will be able to sort out accounts with the knowledge these modules will impart to me. Not only that, the International Marketing can help me know more about marketing strategies in the world.

In return, I would know more about the different ways to save money whilst advertising for the company I will work for in the future. International Purchasing is another way that I will be able to help the company I am working for in the future create cost-effective way to carry out their projects. The modules above would help me improve my adaptability due to all the projects we have done in the various modules. This is because the

various projects would allow me to work with different types of people and know how to deal with different obstacles that may appear. Through the many modules I will be taking and have taken, I will be able to learn a lot about necessary knowledge required in business. These include accounting, taxation, service quality as well as knowing how to do quantitative analysis.

Global awareness is another important and useful skill that would be imparted to me from the modules. With this, I will be able to work in more MNCs after gaining experience. I am certain that the six-month internship in Year 3 would be able to teach me a lot of real world problems and solutions. This experience is definitely one I would not want to miss. I am currently in the CCA D3 Contemporary Dance Club and it teaches me how to stay determined even when the journey is tough. It also taught me how to compromise and be patient, learning to adapt to different situations and cooperate with people who have a personality which I might not have been able to work well with.

The School of BA has also presented various chances for me to improve myself and develop my skills. An example would be the many projects and presentations we have to do. Through the numerous projects and presentations, I am slowly but steadily gaining more experience and developing my teamwork skills. They have also improved my observation skills and critical thinking skills where I am able to make better decisions in situations that require quick decisions to be made. Other than that, I have taken part in many charity events which allows me to be exposed to many different types of people. Thus, it enabled me to be able to work better

with more people since I have already experienced what it would be like working with similar types of people. My communication skills have also improved through these events and my dance performances as such events would require good communication skills and organization. I believe that the OIP program that the school offers would also be helpful for me to improve my knowledge of the world and learn to step out of my comfort zone and try to communicate with people despite cultural differences and language barriers.

Although there is definitely room for improvement, my CCA and events that I had taken part in out of school has helped me improve various skills and allowed me to gain a few experiences that may be useful in the future. There are two paths that I am looking into currently. They are to go to a local university and during that period, I may or may not choose to work part-time. The local universities I am interested in are Nanyang Technological University (NTU) as well as Singapore Management University (SMU). I am looking into the Bachelor of Business and Master of Science in Financial Engineering program in NTU. It has a multi-disciplinary curriculum whereby various disciplines such as mathematics, business, finance, and computer science are all merged into one curriculum. This course will allow me to graduate with a Bachelor degree in Business as well as a Master's degree in four years. The students in this course are expected to choose a specialization amongst four options after their first year.

In order to take part in the MFE program, students will have to attain minimum GPA of 4.0 in their bachelors of Business or Accountancy. I would need a minimum GPA of 3.

75 in Ngee Ann Polytechnic in order to get into this course. For SMU, I am interested in their Bachelor of Business Management program. This program would help students gain more global exposure and have extensive networking. The minimum grade that I would have to achieve by the end of Year 3 is 3.70 for my GPA and the number of course places in the previous year was 764 for the Bachelor of Business Management. The reason behind why I chose these two options were because SMU provides a lot of out-of-classroom experiences and I would also like to learn more on how to use technology to calculate and analyze finances. References: Bisk. Business Analyst Job Description.

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