Recruitment NEWS

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News from the University of Tasmania for local careers advisors

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2007 Uni Info Days

Dates for the University Uni Info Days this year are:

Hobart: Sunday, 19 August; 10.00am–3.00pm
Launceston: Sunday, 26 August; 10.00am–3.00pm
Cradle Coast: Wed., 5 September, 5.00–9.00pm

UTAS Social Ecology grads in demand for ABS positions

For the past seven years, Caroline Coombes, from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, has been selecting graduates from all over Australia to work in Canberra's ABS Central Office. Each year for the past five years she has selected a couple of graduates from the UTAS Social Ecology Honours program coordinated by Dr Natalie Jackson.

The graduate skills that Caroline Coombes searches for include conceptual, analytical and writing skills, and the ability to communicate openly and with confidence. “I have found graduates from this course to be of a consistently high standard. All of them have fitted in well to ABS; each of them making a valuable contribution to our growing body of social statistics,” Ms Coombes said.

Recent graduate Caroline Hartnett is currently based at the ABS in Canberra, where she assists with demography projects such as birth data requests. “One of the highlights of UTAS was the unit Sociology of Population Change, taught by Dr Natalie Jackson – Natalie is very inspiring and a great lecturer,” Caroline said.

Georgia Mitchell is also in the demography team, working with estimated resident population data. She commenced a BA with no specific idea of what she wanted to do with it, but found at the end of second-year that the area of demography really interested her.

As well as specific knowledge in the area of demography, Georgia acquired other valuable skills that were more generic, including time management and the ability to write well.

“Planning and prioritising my tasks helps me stay sane when I have a lot of competing tasks to complete, and my writing skills have enabled me to confidently tackle tasks such as writing information papers, media releases, news articles and statistical commentary,” said Georgia.

July sessions with UTAS and interstate unis

Information was emailed out to college career advisors recently about course information sessions in July for year 11/12 students, involving UTAS and interstate universities. Colleges will need to book in for these sessions. A booking form was included with the email, which will need to be returned to Leanne Arnott by 1 June. Any enquiries about the sessions can be directed to Leanne on 6324 3229 or email Leanne.Arnott@utas.edu.au

New Early Years degree

The duration of the new Bachelor of Education & Care (Early Years) (BEC) degree is described in different ways in two University publications, which may have confused some of you! The 4-year duration listed in the 2007/2008 Prospectus & Course takes into account the Certificate III of
Children’s Services (1 year) which is the initial TAFE (or other RTO) course leading to a career in child care. The Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Children’s Services (1 year) studied at TAFE (or other RTO) is the first year of the BEC degree and is followed by 2 years at University.

The Faculty of Education booklet lists the degree program as 3 years duration, comprising the 1-year Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Children’s Services at TAFE (or other RTO) plus the 2 years at University.

For more information email
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Above: Chris Osborn, Bachelor of Teaching student, featured in the 2007/2008 Prospectus.

Bookings for high school visits
Bookings for on-campus and in-school visits for students in years 7–10 are filling fast! Information about on-campus programs is contained in the Experience UTAS booklet, which can be downloaded from www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents

Experience Engineering
To highlight just one area of interest available through the Experience UTAS program, the School of Engineering runs program on-campus, and is also available for presentations to students in-school. On-campus workshops can be tailored to fit available timeframes for groups.