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# 1. What are you studying?

1. At present, I'm in my final year, studying International Law at Kutafin Moscow State Law University. So yea, I'll have been there nearly 4 years!
2. I'm currently studying Software Developing at the University of Salamanca. It's my 2nd semester so I'll have been studying for almost 6 months! So yea.. The time has flown in!
3. I'm studying a Masters in Engineering at the moment, and I'm about halfway through the first semester. So yea.. I'm lovin' it at the moment, it's tough you know.. It's certainly no walk in the park- that's for sure.. But yea.. I'm just keeping my head down, working my butt off and fingers crossed, I'll get through it!
4. I've just enrolled in a Masters of Psychology, and I'll be starting at the end of September! And right now I'm just sorting out all my bits and pieces, figuring out what to take and what to leave behind.. and I'll be moving into my new flat fairly soon!
5. I'm currently doing a Bachelors degree in Public Policy at the University of Chile. So the plan is to finish up this degree and then go on to do a Masters. So yea, I've been toying with the idea of doing that abroad.. Possibly to the UK or Australia! But we'll just have to wait and see! Time will tell!

## 2. Where do you study?

1. I study at the Complutense University of Madrid.. You might have heard of it.. it's one of the oldest universities in the world! And it's pretty well known for its public research facilities. So yea.. It's quite distinguished.
2. I currently study at the Bogota Campus of the National University of Colombia. It's actually known as the golden triangle of higher education in Colombia because it's one of the most selective and competitive universities in the country! Like it's a pretty big deal to get in! I read that they're one of the biggest contributors of scientific papers in peer-reviewed publications in the country! So that's pretty cool!
3. I study at the Indian Institute of Science, you could probably guess by the name that it specializes in Science, Engineering, Design and subjects like that. And yea.. It's in northern Bangalore. And.. It was actually ranked the top university in India in 2018 and 2019! So yea.. Pretty impressive!
4. I'm currently studying in Shanghai at the Fudan University- it's actually considered to be one of the most prestigious universities in China. It's probably best known for humanities, natural sciences and medical studies. And yea.. It's also really well situated near the East China sea!
5. Currently I study in the cultural capital of Japan!- Kyoto! I attend Kyoto university which in fact is the 2nd oldest university in Japan! And yea.. It's really well known for Chemistry in particular.

### 3. How long have you been studying?

1. I guess I'll have been studying for nearly 2 years this month! I've just got 1 semester to go and that's it done and dusted! So yea.. It's really true what they say.. Time flies when you're havin' fun!
2. I've been studying since September so I guess it's been about nine months now! So yea.. It's really flown in! I feel like I'm only getting started though!
3. I don't know exactly how long I've been studying, but I reckon it's nearly 4 and a half years now! And yea.. I've got another 2 more to go!
4. I just started in September this year, so yea.. Only a few months! It's all still pretty fresh!
5. Far too long! I'm in my final year of a 5 year course, so I've been studying for 4 years now! And if I'm being honest, it feels like a lifetime!
6. Well, I studied another degree and dropped it 1 year ago!- so longer than most! I've been studying for a total of 6 years!

## 4. Are you good at the subject you are studying?

1. Well, I don't want to toot my own horn, but I did come first in my class in the last exam! You know so.. I think I'm fairly decent in most of the modules,.. I wouldn't say it comes naturally.. Like I still have to knuckle down and work hard.. Sometimes I'm in the library til all hours of the morning. But you know it's a sacrifice I have to make! Especially since the fees are so damn expensive!
2. I'm an average student if I'm being honest with you! I'm neither struggling nor excelling! But I could definitely do better if I didn't have so many personal commitments outside of uni. You know, I'm part of a swimming club and it eats up a huge chunk of my time! We have training 5 times per week and the sessions are pretty lengthy.. So yea.. I've got a lot on my plate! I just have to watch my grades don't slip, otherwise my mum will go mad!
3. Well, I'm not exactly a grade-A student! I definitely haven't done as well as I'd have liked, but I'm hoping to completely turn it around in my final semester! I was just about keeping afloat this year because I just couldn't wrap my head around my Mechanics module! But next year we're studying Design Theory, which is right up my street so I'm buzzin' for that!
5. I couldn't tell you whether or not I'm good at law actually! This is my first year and I think I won't really be able to gauge my ability until my placement year! But you know I do feel fairly confident.. Like I'm able to keep up with all my assignments and I did a pretty good job in my exams in January. So yea.. I guess, so far so good!
6. Honestly yea. Psychology has always been a passion of mine, so I actually study it a great deal outside of class time. I reckon that's why it comes so naturally to me. I've read up on most of the topics in my free time! Hopefully I'll be able to keep it up!

## 5. Why did you choose to study that?

1. Well I've always been really into computers and I'm a bit of a tech nerd. So it kind of seemed to be the perfect job for me! You know, I had already tried my hand at coding in high school and my teacher said I had a knack for it!

2. Honestly.. I just kind of fell into it.. I actually wanted to be a Math teacher, but the word on the street was that Engineering was growing and teaching jobs were actually becoming oversaturated.. It's ok so far, so we'll see!

3. I've no idea! Looking back, I think I just wanted to go to uni! At the time, I had no job prospects whatsoever and I guess I took a gamble and went with Spanish Literature. I'm an avid reader.. so it kind of makes sense!

4. Well it was a bit of a coin toss between German and French. I settled on German in the end because I just liked the language better. Simple as that. Also, I'll probably study French afterwards anyway!

5. Well, I loved Business Studies at school and I'm fascinated by Marketing so I thought Brand Management would be a good fit for me! We'll see. So far, the course has completely opened my eyes.. Hopefully I'll be able to take most of the information on board and be able to use it in the future.

6. Well, if truth be told, I didn't have many options when I applied to university because I didn't get outstanding grades in high school. But anyway, I really had my heart set on going to university, so I decided to accept an unconditional offer in Project Management. I figured it might be useful for me in the future in case I open up my own business one day!

## 6. How do you feel about your studies?

1. Well I think they're going pretty well. I've passed all my exams for the year.. so that's a relief! I'm also working while I study -so I was a bit wary that I wasn't going to be able to manage it all! But thankfully it seems to be working out just fine!
2. Well I suppose they're going ok. I mean, I could definitely improve in some areas, but to be honest, the modules this year have been pretty dry! But on the bright side, I've made some awesome friends from my course!
3. I'm loving it at the moment! Right now we're learning about criminal psychology and how to diagnose a subject. It's absolutely mind-blowing! So yea, things are going really well!
4. Oh my days.. It's a complete and utter nightmare! I've got boatloads of coursework at the moment and I have to submit an essay before my deadline next week! So yea, it's all a bit hectic at the moment!
5. Awk well, you have your good days and your bad days! I study Finance, so when we're crunching numbers or writing reports it can be incredibly mind-numbing! But it is what it is!
6. Oh, I'm coming to the end of my rope with this degree! I mean I know a Masters degree isn't supposed to be a walk in the park, but I didn't think it'd be this arduous! But yea .. look, I just have to get on with it and power through!

## 7. Do you find it interesting?/ Do you enjoy what you study?

1. Well I wouldn't go so far as to say it's interesting! It's just a case of getting through the work and then making your social life interesting! For me, university is more than just the degree, it's the experience!
2. Absolutely! I find it riveting! I know people associate studying Medicine with long hours, memorizing textbooks, testing and so on, but in reality, what we're learning about is truly incredible! I feel so grateful and I count my blessings to be in such a position. I know plenty of people who would love to trade places with me! So yea, I love it!
3. Me personally, yes and no! The subject of Psychology is fascinating, but in university the reality is that you have to memorize a lot of methods, studies and write really boring, long-winded essays! But I totally get why they make us do it. They want us to really go into depth in research, sieve through all the information and try to put something together that is of high quality! And that's easier said than done! It really tests your soft skills too!
4. 100%! That's why I chose it! But it's not just interesting to me, it's also a passion of mine! You know, I've always been massively into gaming, and I've always wanted to create my own game one day! So it's awesome just being able to study Computer Game Development full-time!
5. Well of course- since I'm studying it! Yea, I mean, business and marketing really interest me! You know, I like to study entrepreneurs like Roman Abramovich or Mark Zuckerberg and try to take in as much information as possible so that in the future I might be able to set up a pretty good business.



## 8. Is that a popular subject in your country?

1. I believe so, yea. I wouldn't say that it's oversaturated, but I do think there are quite a few people who enrol in it! It's obviously a job that pays well so there's that element of financial security which doesn't do any harm!. And as well it's a profession that's held in high regard in society so there is this sense of respect which comes along with the job!
2. Awk I'd say it's fairly average in terms of popularity. It depends if you're into computers and technical work really.. but I wouldn't say it's more popular than other subjects. Perhaps a better way of looking at it is the demography of it as it tends to be more of 'a guy thing' than a subject girls are interested in.. As far as I can see.. I think I heard it was like a 4:1 ratio guys to girls. So yea, I thought that was quite interesting.
3. Honestly I haven't a clue! I reckon it's probably up-there with some of the most common subjects to learn at university. You know, people will always need legal advice and so I think many people enrol in it because it's a secure job. And I don't know.. When people hear you study Law, you automatically gain their respect and admiration.. It's a weird thing really.. But I guess it's because it's no easy feat! I mean you really have to work your butt off and put in a lot of late nights in the library.
4. It's probably one of the less popular subjects actually! It's quite specialized .. and to be honest, you really need to be an animal-lover. Veterinary is pretty demanding and it can also quite intimidating at times to be working with aggressive or maybe unpredictable animals! But you know, I think that's part and parcel of the job, it's just something we have to get used to! But yea, it's not that common.
5. I personally think it's not super popular at the moment but I think it'll really take off in the coming years because of AI and automation. I think people will eventually realize that certain jobs aren't safe anymore and they'll start to look at more technologically-based jobs. And I think people are starting to cop on that Robotic Engineering has huge potential so it's becoming more and more intriguing and appealing.

## 9. What do you dislike about the subject you are studying?

1. How much time have you got? Only joking! Ah for me, it's probably the early mornings! I've class from 7am till 12pm and I'm absolutely worn out by lunch time! I'm just not a morning person you know! And what's pretty funny is that my best mate who I sit beside is a early bird in the mornings so she has all this energy and I just can't deal with her! I love her to bits but in all honesty, she tests my patience! Especially in our morning lecture!
2. Hmm..... Come to think of it, I really don't dislike anything about Physics! I mean obviously it can be hard to wrap my head around sometimes.. but that's also part of the appeal! So yea.. Sorry to disappoint but no, there's nothing I really dislike about it!
3. Awk yea, I think like every subject, you have your pros and cons.. For me I guess it's just the sheer workload. And a huge chunk of my time is eaten up by researching- Never mind doing the actual assignments! So yea, the subject's ok, but the amount of work that comes along with it is a bit over the top!
4. That's hilarious! - Yep, I think it's safe to say that I'm really coming to the end of my rope with it to be honest!!.. I don't know why I chose it! It's a good degree that's very useful and will help me to land a well-paid job but it's just so damn dry! Like yesterday, we were learning how to work out interests rates.. So yea.. That's the level of fun we're talking about!
5. Well, most of the time it's dead on. But some of my modules are horrendously boring! So yea.. I just have to suffer through them! But for the most part, they're ok.
6. The lecturer!! Honestly, he'd put you right to sleep! ..Other than that, I'd maybe say that there are too many assignments handed out per week. You know, I really think they could cut that number in half and it'd still be more than enough! But hey ho, this is what I signed up to!

## 10. Do you like your classmates?

1. Yea they're awesome actually! We're all a pretty tight-knit group and we socialize a lot outside class time. Some of the guys play football together during the week and as far as I'm aware there are some girls who share a house together! But yea, I definitely like my classmates! I've no complaints!
2. They're ok I guess. I don't really know them all that well as we've only just started. But yea, everyone seems nice so far. Of course there are a few strange characters floating about but I think that's to be expected! It'll be interesting though to see how everyone gels and what clicks form!
3. Yea they're really cool actually. I'm pretty fortunate to meet such a nice bunch of people. And the thing I like the most about them is that they're super down-to-earth! Like they don't seem to be caught up in creating an image or pretending to be someone they're not. They're just themselves.. And they're not judgemental either.. Which seems to be a rare trait these days! So yea, they're great!
4. Yea I do! They're quite the characters!! I like them a lot! They all have their own unique personalities and yea, they're just super down-to-earth. There are some who I haven't gotten to know yet but hopefully as the year progresses, we'll have more opportunities to sit down and have a chat!
5. Honestly..not really. I think a lot of them are quite self-entitled and a bit pretentious! You know, it's pretty common because a lot of them have parents who are well-off.. So yea.. It's sad to say, but there are only really a handful of my classmates that I actually get on with! And the other annoying thing is that they're quite clicky, so everyone kind of has their own group. But I personally would talk to anyone.

## 11. What are the main aspects of your subject?

1.The main aspects.. Let me see.. Well, I'm in my first year and we have 3 modules per semester.. Right now we're studying Financial planning, Basic Accounting and Statistics.. So it's mostly learning about the fundamentals at this stage.. We do a lot of calculations, and also just understanding the theory behind each transaction. So yea.. What you've heard about Accounting is true! -We just crunch a bunch of numbers!!

2.Well Medicine has a bunch of different modules and components which make up the degree. I mean, we study physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, genetics, psychology.. Tonnes of things!! We of course look at infection and immunology.. Goodness, the list is endless! And after your foundation years you then would normally specialize in a particular area such as orthopaedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, dermatology or whatever.

3.Hmm, well there are so many elements to programming, but I'd say the main thing is that we have to understand the different issues and be able to figure out solutions for them. And it depends as well whether you're a front-end or back-end developer.

4.Well Mechanical Engineering is such a broad subject. Like you learn about the design and sustainability of mechanics.. You have to learn about the properties of materials.. For example, how they perform under certain temperatures.. We of course do a lot of computer work in our course. So we learn the basics of programming and how to tie it all together with the mechanics. It's really fascinating stuff!

## 12. Do you plan to continue studying that?

1. Well yea! Of course I am! I didn't spend all that money for nothing!! I want to be a dentist in the future, and this is the only course that'll lead me there! So yea once I finish up this course, I'll complete an internship somewhere and then hopefully find full-time employment!

2. Actually my plan is to finish up this course, and do a masters in something a tad different.. I've realized that I'm more into business and consulting than I am finance. So yea, hopefully this masters in business will be enjoyable.. And I think having a background in finance doesn't hurt either! We'll have to wait and see! Fingers-crossed it all works out!

3. Well I hope so, yes! Unless I get kicked off the course!! But yea.. Of course I plan to keep on going with my degree..and we'll see what happens later down the line. I know some people drop out halfway through, but I don't see that happening to me. I'm pretty set on completing my degree.

4. I'm not sure to be honest. I'm a little bit on the fence at the moment. You know, my degree is really versatile, and I know that I can land a good job with it, but I'm just a tad worried that I'll end up hating it! Because I'm a very creative and spontaneous person.. And my gut feeling is that I need a job that allows me to create and express myself.. But it's early days. We'll have to wait and see!

5. Of course! My plan is to complete this degree and then head over to Australia to do a Masters in Hospitality! So fingers crossed it'll all work out! I know it's really hard to get into hotels over there for international students, but I'm staying optimistic! You'll never know unless you try!

## 13. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or the evenings?

1. Oh, I'm 100% a morning person! I just feel so much more productive in the mornings than I do in the evenings. Maybe it's because I've run out of energy by the end of the day! But yea, I don't know.. The morning is just the best time for me!

2. I've always been a night owl to be honest. It's just so difficult for me to get going in the morning. Maybe that's because I'm exhausted from staying up late at night! You know I flick through my social media newsfeed.. And aww I spend way too much time on Youtube.. So maybe that's the reason!

3. Neither! I actually work ten times better in the afternoon! It's kind of a happy medium let's say! I definitely don't work effectively at night because my family are home from work, making noise and so on. So it's really hard to stay focused and keep on track. So yea, I just find that the afternoon is the best time for me!

4. I work way better in the mornings.. You see, I start my day with a workout. I just run around the local park. And that really wakes me up and gets me focused on the work I have to do. So by the time I sit down at my desk, I'm already in the zone!

5. I work a million times better at night. I haven't the faintest idea why.. But I just get this surge of energy! And it's quite odd because I get this urge to keep going and a lot of the time I have to tell myself to call it quits and go to bed! So yea, it's a weird one! But definitely night time is the best time for me!

## 14. What was the first day at university like?

1. Oh, good question! Well I remember it was a really stormy morning, and I was a little bit windswept coming into the lecture hall! I just remember the anxiety of looking for a seat!- You know I arrived a little bit late and the whole lecture theatre was filled to the brim! And yea, I can't remember exactly what we did.. but I imagine it was kind of an induction day where you look through the syllabus and get familiar with your modules and stuff like that! But yea, it's surprisingly a little bit foggy in my mind!

2. My first day?! Well, it was one for the books, I can tell you that!! I remember that we had our induction class and then there was a short 30 minute break where we could get to know all the other students. And I basically befriended a group of guys who I later had lunch and drinks with! And we actually ended up partying that night!! I mean, we went from complete strangers to good friends in just one day! So yea, that's what sticks out most for me on my first day of university!

3. My first day?! .. Well we did a lot of social activities on our first day to kind of break the ice between everyone. I remember we chatted about our backgrounds, where we were from, why we chose our degree and things like that. And yea, then we were just given a short little induction about what was ahead of us. It was pretty brief to be honest. So yea.. I mean, there wasn't anything to write home about!

## 15. What do you hope to do after you graduate?

1. Well, I plan to take on a new challenge and do a masters degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology! After that.. I'd love to find a job in our national health service! But I'm just taking things one step at a time!
2. After I graduate I'm going to head away on vacation! You know, this degree has really taken a lot out of me and I think it might be a good idea to go somewhere to blow off some steam! And after I come back, I'm going to go job-hunting!
3. Well, fingers crossed I'll find a job! I'm currently applying to a bunch of different Digital Marketing companies so I hope I'll be able to land myself a good job! We'll see how it goes!
4. Honestly I haven't got a clue! I really need to pull my socks up and apply to some jobs or else I'll be in hot water! I've also thought about applying to some international companies! I know it's ridiculously competitive, but I'm really looking forward to the challenge! So yea, in the meantime I'll try to brush up on my coding so as to prepare myself as much as possible!
5. After I graduate I'm out of here! God willing, I'll have immigrated to Canada. My top priorities are to find a job and an apartment! I've joined a few Facebook groups and tried to network with people out there already, so yea, hopefully it'll all work out!