

The Department of Computer Science

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"The University of Auckland has been an excellent place to start a new career. After six years pursuing linguistics and language teaching, I decided to turn my hobbyist love of programming into a life. The Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science programmes offered by the Department of Computer Science were ideal for me. They allowed me to avoid repetition of general education classes and focus on solely computer science courses. The department's willingness to take into account previous experience has allowed me to pursue a masters degree on a time-line of less than three years. The fears I had that changing to a technical career would involve five or more years of study were unfounded.

Despite some large class sizes, those who take an interest have easy access to professors inside and outside of office hours. The department has professors actively engaging in nearly any form of research you might be interested in, and are keen to take on enthusiastic students. My slightly advanced age has been no barrier and the department appears to work as a strict meritocracy. I look forward to the years I have ahead of me at the University of Auckland, and have enjoyed what has been a highly rewarding process so far."

Gabriel is currently in the first semester of his Postgraduate Diploma and plans to embark on his Master of Science in Computer Science in 2011.

