

The Department of Computer Science

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"I'm in my first year studying Computer Science at The University of Auckland, but I have previously completed a Bachelor of Music (Hons) at Victoria University.

I decided to study Computer Science after looking at the profiles of students on the Computer Science website, so I'm happy to have the chance to be one of them now! I was using computers in my previous role as a translator at a Japanese company based in Tokyo. I wanted to upgrade my knowledge and computing skills to further my career, and I felt that the University of Auckland Computer Science programme would help me to improve my understanding.

I like studying Computer Science because the lecturers and tutors are really helpful and approachable. There is a lot of support on hand and people are very generous with their time. The programme is well-designed, comprehensive, practical and interesting. By the end of it, you can achieve quite a lot, gradually building up your skills.

Don't be intimidated by the technical jargon in Computer Science- I think anyone can learn programming, and The University of Auckland is a great place to do it."

Sharni is doing a Transitional Certificate in Computer Science combined with a Post-Graduate Diploma (Arts) majoring in Asian Studies. She plans to continue on to the Graduate Diploma in Computer Science in 2011.

