

The Department of Computer Science

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Donya is in the third year of a conjoint Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Computer Science and Accounting.

"I try to focus my Computer Science degree on the graphics behind computers. One day I hope to program the next accounting software. The main accounting software we currently have is called "MYOB", but I have picked up on quite a few flaws with the software. I'd like to work with Microsoft or IBM and help them create new graphical software.

I've especially enjoyed the practical aspects of fun programming assignments in my studies. That's one of the things I enjoy most about Computer Science - the fact that you can see all your hard effort put into something physical that you can see in front of you.

The Computer Science labs provided are also a great place to study as they are quiet and comfortable, and there is always a demonstrator around if you get stuck. The demonstrators are very helpful and really know their stuff.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my studies is being able to regularly catch up with friends and study together. Even though we all study different degrees there is always a space for us to all sit around and study together. And if I'm not in the mood for studying then there is always someone to catch up with at the quad, or something to watch at the audio-visual library.

I remember my first day studying here. I thought I'd get lost and was so overwhelmed by the number of people here. However, by the end of the first week I'd made friends with half the people in my classes and all the Uni-guides helped me out with getting to classes, while the university map online helped me out so I made sure I knew where I was going.

It's a laid-back and welcoming place. There are many different places to study, eat, hang out with friends, do assignments, read etc. You'll never get bored being here. Also, it is a world renowned university with many different options, and, studying here has already started to open many doors for me not just in New Zealand, but also around the world."

