

Lifelong Learner Story Series ▶▶



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“ Taking this course was out of my comfort zone but I wanted to challenge myself. This course provided me basic financial knowledge which is very relevant and important to life. I had a great professor too. ”

Please share with us your professional life's journey and at which point in your career did you aspire to enrol in this course?

I started off in arts field and became a journalist when I graduated. Then, I moved to a marketing role in an accounting firm. The career switch made me realised the importance of having financial knowledge. I was facing difficulties each day because my work required some level of financial knowledge. Hence, I was aspired to learn more about finance to upgrade myself and deliver better work performance.

Has this course benefitted you in your career development?

Definitely. I indicated my enrolment of this course in my resume when I was applying for jobs. It always became a topic of conversation as the interviewers were interested to find out more about my motivation behind. It reflects continuous learning and taking this course allowed me to have a holistic education.

Could you share with us some interesting facets of the course you enrolled?

The subject taught was extremely new but interesting to me as I had little experience in finance or management in my life. Now that I have started investing, I am able to apply some concepts learnt from the course. In fact, the course also helped me better understand and familiarise some financial terms I come across daily.

What were the challenges you faced when trying to complete this course, and how did you juggle life with your studies?

I tried to juggle my work, studies and social life by pulling through even though I was mentally and physically exhausted. There were days I didn't feel like turning up for lectures and I had to remind myself why I chose to do this in the first place. I certainly wouldn't feel good if I had given up halfway. It took a lot of discipline and will but I wanted to pursue so I was willing to work things around. It was tough and exhausting but it was worth it.

How did you find studying in NTU?

As an alumni, I felt familiar back to the university. The only difference was the interaction with my peers a decade younger than me. It felt a little uneasy but I adapted to it quickly so it turned out well. My biggest takeaway was being able to work with much younger peers and learn how they interact and solve problems together.