

**FROM A
FORMER
STUDENT**



MY UNIVERSITY STORY

You've made the first step and decided to go to university.
Next step, what will you study and where will you go?
See how other students like you made their choices. Ross –
a former student of Dereham Sixth Form College – answers your questions.

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DEREHAM SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A levels: History, Government and Politics and Law

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

BA History and Politics (2016)

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Head of History

WHEN YOU WERE APPLYING, DID YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO AFTER UNI?

There were many careers I'd considered in my formative years including the armed forces and the law but in Year 12 I realised I wanted to become a History teacher. I was lucky in that UEA offered a course that covered my main two interests: History and Politics in addition to the Secondary History PGCE I'd go on to study after I'd graduated. However I know for many young people the choice isn't always straightforward.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO STUDY AT UNI. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR ME?

My advice is to ask yourself two questions: do I have a goal for my future career that this course will help me achieve? Secondly, will I find this course interesting? It's important to remember that you're going to be studying it for at least three years! Hopefully the answer to those questions is a resounding yes!

DID YOUR DEGREE HELP YOU GET TO WHERE YOU ARE NOW?

The qualifications I studied at UEA definitely helped me. My History and Politics degree made me a better Historian but also opened my eyes to the close relationship between the political world and the History we study. In addition my PGCE of course paved the way for me to achieve my dream of becoming a History teacher – I remember the sheer delight I felt at receiving the offer for that course in the middle of a seminar!

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE UEA?

UEA was always my first choice. The History Department made me feel at home (even though Norwich was my home town) from the very first open day, and the campus with its vibrant centre on the doorstep of the countryside always offered a variety of things to do. Even a few years on, UEA still firmly holds a place in my heart.

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