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I moved to Tasmania in 2019 due to my job. I am currently enrolled in Graduate Certificate of Business Studies at UTAS. During this tough year when the world is struggling due to COVID-19, UTAS offered two completely free courses, and Graduate Certificate in Business Studies was one of those courses.

I have always been interested to learn business especially marketing. When I heard about the Graduate certificate, I submitted my application without any delay. I received the offer letter from university and enrolled into part-time study because of my full-time work. In the beginning, everything seemed very easy- online classes, assignments and online exam, what else do I need? However, as soon as I started attending lectures, and started doing my assignments I was overwhelmed because it was a complete new experience for me. I was able to balance my work, study and personal life; however, I was always busy. One thing that I really appreciate about UTAS that they offer many services to support their students. I even received a call from University asking whether I need any support and how my study was going. I cannot explain the feeling that I had at that time after knowing that if I struggle at any time, somebody at UTAS will be there to support me. Thank you UTAS for looking after us!

After this, I divided equal time for work, study as well as personal life. It worked well and I was back to my normal life where I was working normal hours, doing my assignments and going out over the weekend to explore Tasmania- the most beautiful place that I ever visited in my life. I recently started capturing those memories and created a YouTube channel "sweet memories".

At the end, I want to say that it was a tough year; however, I am glad that I decided to study online and part-time. I am very happy that I utilized this time to learn and gain new skills.
Thank you for taking time to read my story. Have an amazing day and stay safe!

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