

Maria Alkis

BAS MANAGEMENT (SPECIALIST IN HRM)

Expected Graduation 2012



Maria began her studies at York in 2007 and has consistently achieved high marks in all her subjects. She is using this achievement to pursue an academic career, first by completing her BAS and then a Masters and Doctorate. With a deep curiosity about new concepts and developments in her field, Maria is perfectly suited to research and is honing her research skills by working with Dr. Julia Richardson on a project about internationally mobile professionals and the impact of mobility on careers and work performance.

What advice would you give to students wanting to achieve high grades?

Always give 100% effort in everything you do as this is the foundation of reaching your career path. You might not enjoy all the courses you need to take but it is essential to give it everything you've got in terms of time and effort.

How can a student be successful in university?

I view being a student as a full-time job and have a structured study schedule. Set your priorities and create goals on the basis of those priorities. Write down your goals and read them daily. I have a constantly growing list of reasons why I want to pursue an academic career and it's that list that keeps me inspired.

One of my favorite authors, Richard Carlson, says "Circumstances don't make someone, they reveal someone." My biggest challenge is managing circumstances that are beyond my control. Life happens. It is up to you to decide how a life event will shape you and give your life greater meaning. Seek support from friends, family, and professors. Don't deal with life's tough stuff alone. Work hard to achieve your goals – no matter what. "The Secret of Success in Not a Secret"

Favourite quote or motto you live by?

"You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room." Dr. Seuss