

Résumé (Curriculum Vitae)

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Personal Information

Date of Birth:

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Place of Birth:

Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

Sex:

Male

Citizenship:

UK National

Teaching Experience

I have a wealth of voluntary teaching experience from my time at university. The reason it is voluntary is because although I was often offered money for my help, I felt uncomfortable taking money from friends and colleagues.

English Tutor (September 2007 – September 2011)

Throughout my time at university I have helped friends and colleagues when English has not been their first language. Within this I have practiced one-to-one conversational English with students and helped them to develop their grammatical skills. The University of Essex has one of the highest international intakes in the United Kingdom and therefore I was often in the minority being a native English speaker and called upon for assistance.

Proof Reading (September 2007 - September 2011):

I have performed proof reading services. It has mostly been the correction of spelling and grammar and the meanings of words in foreign students' essays and theses; on occasion I have also assisted in job application forms. When dealing with academic work I have also tried to help convey the intended meaning if the subject matter fell into my areas of expertise.

Coaching (September 2008 – June 2011)

As my experience detailed below attests to, I have been involved in running two sports clubs for three years at university. As a part of these roles it was my job to give coaching lessons to beginners. Although this is not academic teaching experience, the methods are much the same – it has to be done in an exciting, interesting, stimulating way to ensure that people want to listen and learn.

Education and Qualifications

Postgraduate Degree (October 2010 – September 2011)

Institution:

University of Essex

Qualification:

Master of Arts in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights

Grade:

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Modules Taken:

- Human Rights Colloquium
- International Human Rights Law
- Sociology of Human Rights
- Philosophy and Rights
- Philosophy and Medical Ethics
- Thesis: Security, Sustainability and the Human Right to Water

Undergraduate Degree (September 2007 – June 2010)

Institution:

University of Essex

Qualification:

Bachelor of Arts in Politics

Grade:

Upper Second Class (2:1) Honours

Modules Taken:

- Introduction to Politics
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic
- Political Analysis
- Introduction to Political Theory
- New British Politics
- Introduction to Latin American Politics
- International Security Studies
- Human Rights and Political Theory
- Political Themes in Literature and Film
- Environmental Politics

Advanced (A) Level (September 2005 – July 2007)

Institution:

Richard Hale School (Sixth Form College), Hertford

Qualifications:

5 A-Levels

- Grade C in Politics
- Grade C in Psychology
- Grade C in General Studies
- Grade D in Mathematics
- Grade D in Biology

General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) (May 2003 – July 2005)

Institution:

Richard Hale School, Hertford

Qualifications:

11 GCSEs

- Grade A in Mathematics
- Grade BB in Science
- Grade B in English Literature
- Grade B in French
- Grade B in Geography
- Grade B in History
- Grade B in Religious Studies (Short Course)
- Grade C in English Language
- Grade CC in Leisure and Tourism

Other Qualifications

OCR Level 1 Certificate for I.T. Users (New CLAIT)

- Using a computer
- Word processing
- Desktop publishing
- Presentation graphics

Other Voluntary Positions

While studying at the University of Essex I held elected positions within the following clubs and societies of the Students' Union, as well as an executive body of the Students' Union:

University of Essex Sports Federation Executive

Position:

Finance Committee Member

Duration:

June 2010 – July 2011

Description:

Attended regular meetings in which we deliberated on the financial requests from around 50 constituent sports clubs of the Sports Federation. This involved making decisions about how best to allocate a budget of around £30,000 to ensure sensible investment in equipment and high membership numbers to increase revenue.

University of Essex Pool Club*Position:*

President

Duration:

September 2010 – July 2011

Description:

Responsible for the running of a club of 58 members, which took the form of 3 sessions a week of 3 hours each, and two national tournaments that required many organisational functions such as travel arrangements. I ran a committee of 6 people, chairing regular meetings, while liaising with the Students' Union on behalf of the Club. I regularly taught new members the rules of the game and worked with them to develop their skills.

University of Essex Bollywood Society*Position:*

Treasurer

Duration:

June 2010 – July 2011

Description:

The society was started from scratch and so I served mostly in an advisory role, owing to my existing experience with the running of Students' Union clubs and societies. Specifically, I handled the finances of the Society, which took the form of submitting a budget request, negotiating a contract with a dance instructor, collecting session fees from the dancers and purchasing DVDs. I also co-organised and participated in fundraising initiatives.

University of Essex Fencing Club*Position:*

President

Duration:

June 2009 – July 2010

Description:

My most successful role within the Students' Union, I increased the club membership by around 50% to 63 people and invested well in new equipment. The workload was considerably higher than would normally be expected owing to a smaller executive committee and so the club required on average ten hours work a week. I had to liaise with the Students' Union, liaise with coaching staff, enter teams into University competitions, run club training sessions, and organise extra tournaments throughout the year. My biggest achievement was to preside over the teaching of both the theory and practice of fencing to around 40 people, who we were able to develop into two competitive teams to represent the University.

Position:

Treasurer

Duration:

June 2008 - June 2009

Description:

My first elected position within the Students' Union, I was tasked with the usual duties of a treasurer – managing the budget, requesting new equipment, collecting session fees – as well as covering a wide range of other duties owing to a small committee and the inheritance of a club that had been poorly run in the past. It was my experience as treasurer that led to my election as president the following year. Concurrent to my duties as treasurer I was able to develop the skills needed to tutor others, skills that were indispensable when I took over as President.

At the 2011 University of Essex Sports Awards, I received the following awards for services to the Fencing Club and services to sport respectively:

- Full Colours
 - Exceptional Services to Sport
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Hertford Town Football Club

Position:

Gate Attendant

Duration:

August 2004 – October 2006

Description:

On match days I would man the entrance to the ground, allowing entrance to players and executives, while charging spectators. I had to develop a confidence to deal with difficult people who would claim free entry when in fact they had to pay. I would run the gate until my boss arrived, at which point I would take up my board room duties, described below.

Position:

Board Room Hospitality

Duration:

August 2004 - October 2006

Description:

On match days I provided hospitality to the executives of both Hertford Town F.C. and the visiting team before kick-off, at half-time and after the match. My duties were to provide finger food and hot and cold drinks during these times, while making an effort to interact with the executives and make them feel at home while they were in attendance.

Employment History

TESCO

Location:

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Ware Road
Hertford
Herts
SG14 1QA

Job Title:

General Assistant

Duration:

October 2006-January 2008

Description:

Based in the Ambient Department, but occasional gave assistance to other departments. My primary responsibility was for Sunday newspapers and magazines – display and returns. I also worked with toiletries, frozen food, wines & spirits, CDs & DVDs, tinned food, and fresh produce. I received till training, and in turn helped to train others.

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
