



Why did you choose to study Diploma in Accountancy at UJ?

I chose UJ because it is one of the best universities in accounting. I've also been told this throughout my high school journey so this choice was quite an easy one.

During the course of the interview, you briefly mentioned that you wanted to be a CA but ended up going the CIMA route. Tell me more about that.

Growing up, I really enjoyed working with numbers, because numbers are one of the many ways to measure success and support accountability and I found accounting really interesting therefore wanted to be a CA. In second year, I realised that I didn't favour auditing as a module because of the theory. My lecturers always preached that if you wanted to become a CA you needed to be comfortable with both numbers and theory. That is when I came to the realisation that the CA route was no longer what I wanted to do. I started doing my research on other avenues I could take and that is how I ended up majoring in Financial Management and going the CIMA route, because it is more numbers based.

How would you describe the transition from Diploma in Accountancy Advanced Diploma in Accountancy?

It was a bit tough, I'm not going to lie. The transition needed me to adapt to a standard that was slightly higher than my Diploma and I'll elaborate on that.

The Diploma was not challenging for me because I felt as though I had the best lecturers at UJ and my love for accounting made my journey smooth sailing; however, the Advanced Diploma required me to apply myself more and think even beyond what I learnt during lectures. I majored in Financial Management and you are challenged to think as someone who is in a managerial position, unlike the Diploma, which is at an operational level and day-to-day accounting tasks.

What advice would you give someone who is confused about the route they want to take in the Accounting field?

Do not be afraid to ask questions. Your lecturers are there to answer your queries and are always willing to share information and advice. UJ has resources like PsyCaD Careers that you can use for career guidance. Lastly, find a module that you really enjoy in your Diploma and let that guide you.