ROTMAN COMMERCE

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Why did I choose Rotman Commerce? I chose Rotman Commerce because everything we're taught is relevant to the world outside university. It represents what really happens 5 minutes away from campus, on Bay Street. This would be right from the way syllabuses in the program are structured, to the Fin-Tech resources in the Rotman finance lab.

What do I do outside of class? I swim competitively, this takes up a large part of my time outside of school. Apart from this, I enjoy trying out new things with friends. These could be adventurous escapades, or simply new food.

What surprised you about Rotman Commerce? One thing that really surprised me about the program were the additional resources that Rotman Commerce provided us in addition to the ones that U of T already gives us. For example, we get access to the Rotman Commerce career centre as well as the U of T career centre. We get taught on an active basis by faculty from both the Rotman School as well as the Faculty of Arts and Science.

My favourite non-Rotman Commerce course was AST101 "The Sun and its Neighbours" – Coming into this course, I had a minimal knowledge on the solar system. I took this as a breadth requirement in my first semester, and it resonates strongly as the professors' enthusiasm for the course is radiated to the entire class. Till date, I still follow any global astronomy projects, out of sheer passion. I would recommend this course to anyone looking for a different take on the world we live in.

The best thing about Toronto is that it stands out as arguably the most diverse city I've seen globally, based on my experience of living and visiting a lot of major cities across Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. There's truly something for everybody to do in this city.

Favourite place to eat on or around campus is "Fat Bastard". It is a lovely burrito place just South-West of campus. Gordon Ramsay ate here when he was in Toronto!

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