Richard

The Computer Science degree here at La Trobe offers a lot of opportunities, such as meeting a lot of industry professionals, especially in a subject such as this.

Lucas

The course gives you the skillset to go on into the future and create something that you have complete control of. It gives you a wide range of opportunities to create something that you’re interested in, in electronics.

Maria

So I’m doing this Masters and it gives you a better understanding and a more profound understanding of the different topics that you have in IT, so you get into networking or software engineering. You get more hands-on experience because in your undergraduate what you get is a theoretical basis so you never really apply anything you know. You learn all the theory and then you fall short in applying it. There’s a good opportunity to actually do something else and understand it

Matthew

I’ve always been interested in electronics and I think that this course really provides a good foundation and basis for electronics for anyone who is interested in electronics or electronic design. This event that they hold, the Hooper Presentations, is an excellent way to show off what we’ve done during our fourth year projects, the designs, everything that we’ve gone through and it’s a great opportunity to be able to network with some industry people. You can’t get better connections than that, it’s fantastic.

Richard

From an event such as this I really hope to get lots of industry connections, possibly even a job if I’m really lucky but we’ll see how that goes, of course.

Maria

Out of the event I’m hoping to get more experience presenting to a crowd that is professionals, not only students.

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Computer Science courses that La Trobe University offers are a broad range, specifically from science to information technology and to business information systems. These are specifically unique, because we build links with industry and students during their third year, they work on a project for one year, working with the companies.

Matthew

Dick Smith actually built this vehicle in the background here. The aim of this project is to be able to travel in Antarctica to the South Pole, so I’ve designed and developed a ruggedised data logger, that will assist us in both testing and during the expedition.

Lucas

Computer Science and Electronic Engineering, they go hand in hand. One, you have the high level software, and then the other, you have the low level hardware and you can combine them in the middle.

Robert

My name’s Robert Slaviero and I’m the Managing Director of Analog Devices Australia. I’ve actually had a long association with La Trobe Uni and I think I’ve been coming to these events for probably fifteen or twenty years. I’ve actually employed a lot of the students from here and in fact our current Engineering Manager is an ex-La Trobe student. Like all uni courses it equips them with the general engineering skills that they need, but over and above that, like I say, it’s the practical skills as well that’s coupled with that theoretical knowledge.

Tony

I’ve had a really excellent experience working with the La Trobe students this year. I was extremely impressed with the level of professionalism and the industry awareness that the students have. The best of the La Trobe courses I’ve found was really that designed to the end goal, I would say. Not necessarily designing for the students to enter academia, but really designed for students to enter industry. And I think they come out not just with the technical skills but also with the business skills, including how to present, how to work as a team, how to use third party software, they really have a bunch of things they got during this course. From an employability and ready to work perspective, I really think the La Trobe students are right up there. I worked closely with two teams, twelve students in all and I think they’re at the high end of what you could expect coming out of university at this level.