

Transcript of “BComm Experience: Real Estate and Housing”

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Summary

This video was filmed at the University of Guelph’s main campus. It features Real Estate and Housing (REH) students Tyler and Carmen who talk about their experience in the major and as University of Guelph students. In addition to their commentary, the video includes footage of the campus and a number of still photos.

Descriptive Transcript

VIDEO: The video starts with music and footage of various University of Guelph landmarks including the University of Guelph sign, science complex, cannon and Winegard Walk. Text appears “B.Comm Experience Real Estate + Housing.”

TYLER: The real estate program at Guelph has some very specialized courses in real estate development real estate finance real estate law and so that gives you a very specialized education while also giving you the base knowledge. These classes are very applicable to what most people end up doing either in their career or in their co-op job it also has a very good reputation of putting out very great students and so employers look to the University of Guelph to hire.

CARMEN: I did an eight-month co-op at Altus Group located in downtown Toronto where I was on the retail team part of the research valuation and advisory sector of the company where I worked on appraisal reports for retail and commercial properties. I learned really all about the retail and commercial industry whether it be rent rates different types of companies how to write in a professional manner and how to use different types of databases and real estate systems that companies use which was really beneficial for me going forward.

TYLER: So this year I have the really exciting opportunity to be a part of the Cornell Real Estate Case Competition which is taking place in New York. We are given a case and we're required to present our solutions to a panel of judges and we're acting on behalf of a building owner to decide whether they should redevelop it whether they should hold the asset or sell the asset so there's a fairly intense financial analysis and market data compilation that goes into it.

VIDEO: Footage of a group of students studying together, the Gryphon holding a sign at an event in the University Centre, a wide shot of Johnston Green.

TYLER: The real estate program at the University of Guelph has very strong connections to industry largely because of their real estate program advisory board and they've done a very good job of advising our curriculum so that what we're learning is very relevant when we go out into the industry to find a job. We've got some very very active alumni real estate alumni they are very active in their organizations and they push their companies to hire Guelph grads.

CARMEN: The faculty in the real estate and housing program are all there to help you they're all so knowledgeable about what they're teaching.

TYLER: The students really get to know their faculty and I've really benefited from the faculty they're very supportive they're very helpful they want to see you succeed and I particularly benefited in learning from faculty who have industry experience and also faculty who have done some really interesting research.

VIDEO: Footage from UC, time-lapse footage of students walking through the UC courtyard, two students studying in a lounge.

CARMEN: You really learn about all aspects of the real estate industry so whatever you're specifically interested in there's a course on that so when you graduate you really have a foundation built up of all different things so whatever you'd like to go in to you know about that topic. I love the social aspect of real estate and I think that joining the student council and going out to all the student council events has really helped shape my idea of going into a career that's more social and involves more networking with people so I'm choosing now to go into sales and commercial real estate which is something that I'm really interested in.

TYLER: Students are really given a very well-rounded education and level of experiences which really prepare them for the real world after they're done here. Everyone who comes to Guelph seems to love it I think I'm proud to be a Gryphon because of everything the University of Guelph represents people like to be involved it's not just your school and class studies it's everything outside of the classroom that sort of I think sets Guelph apart.

VIDEO: Footage of the University of Guelph campus and of business students featured in all of the BComm experience videos. Text appears: "Be a part of our community. Guelph's Bachelor of Commerce program."