

## **Mike Campbell**

My name is Mike Campbell and I'm studying my Masters in History.

I graduated from the University of Toronto back in 1995, and in Canada I've been away from Schools for so long that I wanted to get back into it.

What I found about the University of Edinburgh is I can take the courses here online and its very flexible. I have two kids I watch, I work part-time and so I've found this worked really well together with the way it was set up.

I guess there was a couple of reasons why I chose the University of Edinburgh. So for me again it allowed me to work around my schedule and attend the University, and it's also a well-known school. I mean its high ranked, so that was also another indicator for me to apply to the University of Edinburgh.

My reservations were accessibility to the university, to the courses, to the study materials and I've found that that was completely allayed, all fears were gone. Through the IT department, through the professors, everyone is so accessible, that within the first couple of days of actually logging in I knew my way around the whole system. It was very user friendly. So for a guy like me who's a dinosaur, I found this really really easy.

Whether the seminars are live or you go through the forum you can interact with all the students from all over the world.

What's unique about this is you get an international almost input or flavour into the responses. So someone from Ireland might have a certain kind of outlook on a topic that you don't see and someone from Los Angeles might have a different opinion so again its exceeded my expectations.

The teaching, it's incredible. The access to the professors, which I didn't expect initially, they are not only rapid but they are really hands on with you and they really delve into your questions and they'll respond back. So I find it pushes you harder than just sitting in a classroom for an hour seminar and then you walk away with some hand written notes, That's just I find, again no comparison.

I couldn't be happier with the programme. I find it's incredible. I mean why wouldn't you want to do that? If you have an interest in history then do it. I mean by all means.