A Fletcher education is highly customizable, and each student may decide on a different academic trajectory to suit his or her own professional and academic goals. To get a better sense of how these individual curricular decisions can play out, we asked recent students in their final semester to talk about their goals, their classes, and the decisions made during their Fletcher career. Meet Tanya:

**Pre-Fletcher Experience**  
Senior Consultant, Control Risks Group, New York, NY

**Fields of Study**  
Strategic Management & International Consultancy  
International Political Economy

**Capstone topic**  
Doing business in Burma/Myanmar

**Post-Fletcher Professional Goals**  
I plan to remain in the business risk management field, working with companies to help them do business in challenging environments.

**Curriculum Overview**

**Semester One**

- Foundations of Financial Accounting and Corporate Finance
- Financial Statement Management
- International Business Strategy
- Global Macroeconomics
- Social Networks in Organizations
- Managerial Accounting

As an MIB, most of my classes for my first two semesters at Fletcher were part of the degree’s core curriculum. I was looking for a strong foundation in fundamental business skills and concepts, and that’s definitely what I got! The workload for Corporate Finance dominated the semester, but it was extremely satisfying to realize just how much I’d learned by the final exam, and going through it with the other MIBs was a great bonding experience.

**Semester Two**

- Global Political Economy
- Statistical Methods for Business
- Marketing Management
- Managerial Economics
- Fast Companies
- Acting in Time: Leadership and Management in the Face of Large-Scale Risks (Harvard Business School)

In my second semester, I was still focused on completing the core MIB curriculum, but I was able to branch out a little bit by cross-registering for a class on risk management at Harvard Business School. I also really enjoyed taking statistics with Professor Nakosteen (the class widely known as “Nako-stats”). As I wrapped up my first year, I was pleased to find that I had developed the foundation and skills I needed to be a knowledgeable participant in conversations about international finance and corporate strategy.

Summer Internship
I’ve been working as a freelance risk management consultant since starting at Fletcher and spent the summer taking on projects in the US and Paris, and traveling in Portugal, Spain, and Greece.

Semester Three

- Starting New Ventures
- Petroleum in the Global Economy
- History of Financial Turbulence and Crises
- International Business Transactions

With most of my core requirements complete, third semester was my first chance to put together my own schedule, and it was fantastic. History of Financial Turbulence was a wonderful course to take right as I returned from a summer in the Eurozone crisis countries, and Starting New Ventures gave me an entirely new perspective on how and why start-ups succeed (or don’t). International Business Transactions made me glad I didn’t go to law school, but I think it was really valuable to learn how lawyers think about business challenges, and I expect this course to be one I draw on frequently in the future.

Semester Four

- Modern Terrorism and Counter-terrorism
- Managing the Growing Enterprise
- Independent Study for capstone project
- Political Economy and Business Context of the European Union (in French)
- Finance, Growth and Business Cycles
- Technology, Security and Conflict in the Cyber Age (Harvard Kennedy School)

My schedule this semester is the reason I chose to do the MIB at Fletcher: Where else could I take a course on counter-terrorism back-to-back with a course on transitioning a business from a start-up to a sustainable company? Or discuss business case studies and the development of the EU in French on Monday, then do independent research on business in Burma on Tuesday? If you’d told me in my first semester that by my last semester, I would be taking a class on business cycles, I probably wouldn’t have believed you, but here I am, and it’s a very satisfying feeling.