

## CB Double Major Information Week on 6-9 April 2020

### Student Sharing in CB Double Major Information Session on 6 April 2020

My name is Edmund HO, a final-year student from the Department of Accountancy, double majoring in Accounting and Information Management. I was greatly honored to share learning experiences from my double major journey at this CB Information Session. I am grateful to Dr Raymond Wong from the College of Business for inviting me to speak at this occasion.



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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the information session was very unusual, as I had to deliver my presentation online instead of face to face. Although such an online sharing format may be less intuitive, there were 30+ first-year students who joined the session! They had shown a keen interest in taking a double major and asked a lot of questions on the benefits of taking a double major, the related study-plan arrangements, and how a second major benefits their career development.

In particular, I shared my experiences of how I landed two internships in Year 3, in PwC Risk Assurance and Deloitte Technology Consulting, with the aid of my dual-discipline study program. Although my home major, Accountancy, does not equip me with the skillsets that technology departments/companies are looking for, my second major, Information Management, equips me with domain knowledge in crucial areas such as IS auditing, blockchain, robotics automation, and risk management. My selection as one of the internship offerees was due to the excellent training I received from the Department of Information Systems.

I also described how I broaden my social circles and professional networks by participating in various student activities related to my second major. One of the highlights was my joining the executive committee of the ISACA Student Group, for which I leveraged opportunities for career coaching and mentorship from IS/IT professionals working in the banking/consulting industries.

I hope that my sharing has increased students' interest in undertaking a double major, as I believe it enriches your learning experience, makes your CV more appealing to potential employers, and broadens your social circles across Departments in CB.



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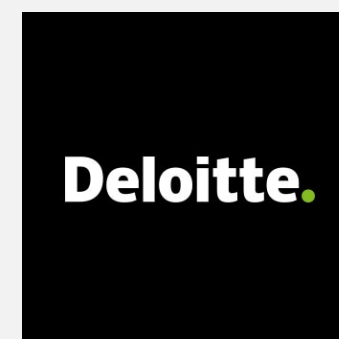
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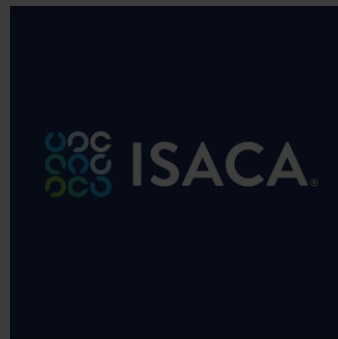
# Why I take a double major?



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## Benefits

 Resources

 Professional  
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 Employability

**You LEARN more!**

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- Career advisor(s)
- Student activities
- Departmental internship opportunities



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**ISACA Student Group  
Executive Committee 2019-2020**



**Big 4 Alumni Sharing**

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- AC
  - ACCA
  - CIMA
  - HKICPA
- IS
  - Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA®)
  - Certified Information Security Manager (CISM®)

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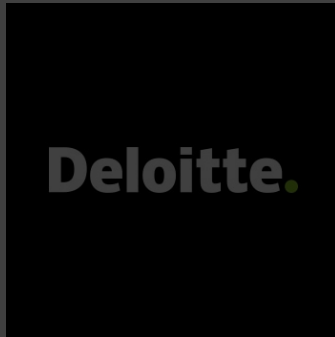
Any TIPS?

Risks & Controls

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Blockchain  
Implementation; RPA; AI;  
Programming



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## TIPS

1. Apply first!
2. Which industry you are interested?
3. What are the professional accreditations you are looking for? E.g. CPA / CFA / CISA???
4. Plan your study plan ahead!
5. Always Ask!

## According to my experiences/observations ...

- Studying a double major is easier than you expect
- Feel bored at first because you know none of classmates in the second major courses
- May love your second major than your first major



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