

A Conversation with Vic D.

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[Silent white screen fades into title card with a photo of Vic, that reads: A Conversation with Graduate Vic D.]

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: A Career in Human Rights & Law]

[Alumni: Vic speaking in a classroom]

Vic D. [00:00:09] I'm very lucky to have my foot in a lot of different industries, and I'm constantly evolving my career in different ways.

[Information card comes on screen that reads: Vic D. – Sessional law and human rights lecturer – Graduated 2021]

Vic D. I am a professor of law in the making, working towards my Ph.D., but I am a sessional lecturer at various universities around the globe. And then on my free time, I'm an international human rights and environmental advocate, I create social media content, I essentially am just a student that never stops learning.

Vic D. [00:00:34] What excites me about my job is that no two days are the same, and I spend the whole day creating things that I love to teach people more about the world. When I'm in the lecture hall, I'm talking about issues that people might have not considered before, and I'm always looking to create an accessible learning environment in terms of making the law, human rights, the environment, something that everyone can digest and enjoy.

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: An Education in Justice Studies]

[Alumni: Vic speaking in a classroom]

Vic D. [00:01:02] I graduated from the University of Guelph-Humber's Justice Studies Program, and I took the Community Justice Services stream and I would absolutely recommend it to anybody who's interested in getting involved in the community and law or law enforcement. It's really an opportunity for you to explore everything you think you know about justice and more, and challenge any ideas that you have about potentially politics, human rights law, whether that's here in Canada or around the world, and then really get connected to the community and how you can put yourself in helping others.

Vic D. [00:01:39] As the little scholar that I am, I really enjoyed ethics in fourth year. So this was an introduction to how we've come to arrive at what we believe is just and right in our world. And that was a cool class to me because we had debates and a lot of things that we never really thought to consider or question were questioned. And it's something that I take to this day and actually a topic I teach now because I loved it so much, so.

[Transition to a blue title screen that reads: Evolution through Guelph-Humber]

[Alumni: Vic speaking in a classroom]

Vic D. [00:02:08] If I had to describe my time here at Guelph-Humber in one word, I would say evolution. I walked in here not even wanting to go to school, and I left, never wanting

to not be in school. And it just in terms of my personality, I feel like this whole four-year journey just allowed me to unlock parts of me that I just didn't know existed. And that was inside of the classroom, outside of the classroom, after hours. To this day, I still am so connected to this community, and the evolution that it brought me was just so invaluable.

[Fade to end card: white screen with University of Guelph-Humber logo with Toronto, ON (University location) in the bottom right corner of logo]