

Precious' experience with working alongside your study

I'm Precious Arturu from Ireland and Nigeria, a fourth year student Global Project and Change Management. I'm currently working part-time for clothing brand L'Origine where I work as a project manager. Within this company, which is very interested in different cultures, I organise events, I look for new partnerships, I monitor the ambassadors, I do some administration, and I'm one of the main contact points for people who want to model for us or want to use our clothes and styling. I'm very happy with this job because it fits perfectly with my study, and it is very flexible. When I'm busy with my study I can work less hours, but I normally work 20 hours per week, often from home.

When I started to study here at Windesheim, I really wanted to have a part-time job, because I needed the money to finance my study. Not immediately, because I first wanted to know how much time I needed to study, and I needed time to get into the rhythm. After the first year, I started to work, and I recommend new students not to start a job during the first semester. It's just too much, you need time to get used to everything what's new to you.

My first job was for Temper, a company which had all kind of temporary jobs for one day. When you wanted to work, you could choose between restaurants, production, hotels, etcetera, and it was very flexible. Besides this, I also worked in a clothing store, a hotel and in the delivery (also quite popular among international students). So all in all I did quite a few jobs.

In the beginning of year three I found this job, or actually, they found me through my network. They knew me via a project I was doing for school, and they wanted to have an African project leader in their team.

To find a job in Zwolle as an international student is difficult, but really doable. When I wanted to do something else, I just called a few employment agencies, told them I was English speaking, and I always found something that fits.