Melissa studied a combined Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Commerce and received 1st class Honours. During her enrolment she was placed on the Deans List for Academic Excellence and received several student prizes.

Melissa says she has always been a numbers person and enjoys solving problems. Engineering was a logical choice but the ability to combine engineering with commerce, particularly with the emergence of e-business during the internet revolution, captured her attention. Being able to combine finance and econometrics with a new-edge, non-traditional form of engineering was a major factor in Melissa’s degree choice.

The University of Sydney program enabled Melissa to study core engineering subjects and offerings such as marketing and commercial law from the business disciplines. This combination led to a summer internship with Macquarie Bank working as an application developer with the Information Technology Group for the Equity Markets Group.

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Following graduation Melissa was appointed to a graduate position with Macquarie Capital Advisers and is currently working in the Telecommunications Media Entertainment and Technology (TMET) Industry group. She comments that her technical knowledge and skills are proving invaluable in assessing the business process of technology and telecommunications companies. The reality is that ‘the problem solving and quantitative skill set that I developed from engineering have given me an advantage in analysing business process.”