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George graduated from the University of Wolverhampton in 2012 with a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics.



Why did you decide to study maths at the University of Wolverhampton?

I wanted to give myself a good chance of moving into a high-powered, professional career. I had heard that the University of Wolverhampton delivered a maths degree from an old school friend, who was on the course and recommended it highly. My decision was confirmed when I visited an Open Day, and spoke to tutors about the course and how suitable it would be to meet my needs.

Did the degree live up to your expectations?

The degree more than exceeded my expectations. The maths was thorough and challenging and the tutors were personable. The support that you need to pass a maths degree was always available from tutors and then I was lucky to make good friends, who I could work with and ask questions. The degree gave us different points of focus, covering statistics used in industry, pure maths, network analysis and operational research. Lecturers want interaction and dialogue from students and made lectures as informal as possible. The experience was the opposite to my knowledge of other universities where there is little support and massive lecture halls.

Which aspects of the degree did you enjoy most?

The well-structured lectures and notes made by supportive staff, as I always wanted to achieve as much as possible. I really enjoyed making friends in a relatively small cohort of students on the degree. It felt personal – I didn't feel like a number on a spreadsheet. I lived away from home, partied

on the BOOM bar crawls, and joined cricket and ultimate Frisbee sports clubs, to which I still have affiliations to this day (I still play in the graduate Frisbee team). The amount of contact time in lectures was very reasonable, and then in my free time I was able to work through the maths at my own pace.

Was it difficult to find a job after graduation?

I went straight into teacher training through the University of Wolverhampton on the PGCE. I trained to teach maths and then found a job for the following year midway through my training. Maths teachers are in demand so if it is the right career for you, it will not be difficult to get a job.

What advice would you give to students thinking about studying a mathematics degree at the University of Wolverhampton?

If the course is suitable for your needs and interests then I highly recommend you study maths at Wolverhampton. The tutors are supportive; get in touch with them and you will soon find out what I mean. The degree is about allowing all to enjoy learning maths, through good teaching and good support networks. Links I have made with my tutors have enabled me to enhance the learning of my current pupils as I regularly visit the University for enrichment sessions and Open Days.