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

I have always had a love of mathematics and followed this through up to undergraduate degree level. I then went into secondary maths teaching due to my love of passing on knowledge; however, I decided this was not the right level of teaching for me. I wanted to become a university lecturer in maths so I studied an MSc to further my knowledge in preparation for studying a PhD, to in turn allow me to lecture at university. I chose Wolverhampton, deciding it was right for me after speaking to lecturers at an Open Day, and partly due to the close proximity to my home and part-time job at the time.

Did the degree live up to your expectations?

Very much so. The level of maths taught was very high (especially in Advanced Topics!) but it was accessible. I feel the level of teaching was set perfectly and has prepared me for further research in academia. The amount of work was also good; if anything, I would have enjoyed even more work to do! I probably let this take effect when doing my dissertation though, which turned out to be rather long...

Which aspects of the degree did you enjoy most?

I enjoyed every one of the modules taught and thought each lecturer did an excellent job of getting course material across, alongside showing their obvious love for the subject and content. My favourite modules were Mathematical

Modelling and Statistics as they were already a major interest of mine and formed a basis for my dissertation, which in turn prepared me for my further doctoral research in statistics and statistical modelling.

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

Go for it. If you love maths and want a career in mathematics, then a maths degree from Wolverhampton is definitely recommended. Not only is the content relevant and challenging, the lecturers themselves make maths very appealing and show off their knowledge and love of maths very well. The lecturers are easy to talk to and get along with and are always approachable. The maths department also put on the Maths Support Centre in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (which I helped out with during my year of study), so the lecturers and students who are able to offer their time clearly care and want each student to get the most from their time. 10/10, would recommend. And DFTBA! (That's one for you internet geeks out there...)