

# Rebecca Felton

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Rebecca graduated from the University of Wolverhampton in 2013 with a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics and in 2014 with an MSc in Mathematics.



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

When trying to decide where to study at, I attended multiple Open Days and found that the University of Wolverhampton staff were the friendliest and most comfortable to be around. I was always certain on studying mathematics, as I had enjoyed it throughout school and college.

### **Did the degree live up to your expectations?**

Going into the course, I expected to: learn new skills, meet new people and develop my existing abilities; the degree lived up to all of these expectations. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Wolverhampton, so much so that I stayed on for an extra year to complete an MSc in Mathematics. I felt that the staff were very supportive and always had time to help should I require any further assistance.

### **Which aspects of the degree did you enjoy most?**

I particularly enjoyed the Statistics and Operations Research modules. Aspects of both arise in my current role. I also enjoyed the finance module and disease modelling module within the MSc – it was useful to relate mathematical knowledge and understanding to real-life situations.

### **Was it difficult to find a job after graduation?**

If you are looking to apply for a graduate job, it would be useful to begin looking after your second year or sandwich year. I began applying for graduate positions when I started my Master's degree and was given a job offer in January 2014 to start in October 2014. It is important to practise the online assessments as they can be quite daunting. Also, be aware that the interview processes are vigorous – there are: comprehensive application forms, online tests, telephone interviews and finally assessment centres.

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

You will make some amazing friends and get excellent support from staff and other students. If you pursue the MSc Mathematics degree, you may also be given the opportunity to work in the mathematics support centre to help to support other people on your course.