

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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QUESTIONS

What made you choose your program?

"I chose applied statistics since it bridges my undergraduate degrees in mathematics and economics. I liked the idea of application and wanted to continue to work within and learn more economics, which the flexibility of the degree allowed with the cognate courses. I also liked that this was a master's degree, since I was mostly focusing on PhD applications and was nervous to jump into one of those programs right after undergrad."

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How did the statistics program prepare you for your career?

"The statistics program provided a great balance of prep for this role. The rigorous quantitative training gave me the subject matter expertise I need to teach statistics and math, while my GSI role allowed me to build the communication skills required to effectively time manage and teach a lab/classroom."

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What was your favorite part of your experience in the program?

“My favorite part of the program was being a GSI for STATS 250. I really liked leading a lab section and working with the large instructional team that helped me build a sense of community. Leading the weekly labs also helped me build up lots of different skills, including my presentation, instructional, and communication skills, that I will take with me into my career.”

What do you know now that you wish you had known during your time in school?

“Be your own biggest advocate, and know there are people who are willing to help and support you. Utilize all the resources available to you.”

Best piece of advice you'd give current students

“Yes, the classes are hard and time consuming, but going out and being social is SUPER important to your wellbeing! Prioritizing a healthy balance can help to protect your mental health.”

Based on what you know, would you pick the same career path?

“Yes, I would choose statistics or something very similar, like mathematics. The analytical skills you build in this field opens up so many doors, and teaching allows me to continue to learn and build upon these skills while helping others do the same”

