

Letter from Tram Ta

Hi Prof. Edward,

I am so glad to receive your email. I hope everything is going well for you and our Math department back there.

I am actually very happy here in Madison. Things are going well although last semester was a little tough for me because of the transition from undergrad to grad, new place and also the weather (yes, this warm winter is still too cold for me!!) There's a lot to study in grad school, especially for students with not much Statistics background like me. But with a school fellowship, I don't have to work as a TA and can spend more time for study. Also the faculties here are nice, they've been helping me much. Therefore, I still perform well in classes. I also started my first research rotation this semester and it's going pretty well.

FIU's Math education has prepared me well. With the small class size and very friendly, helpful instructors, I got all the personal attention I need to have the best learning experience. Even though a math degree is not required for my program right now, but if I could do it over again, I would still major in math (and of course taking some more statistics and hanging around more!!). Math gives me logical and analytical thinking skills that I think would be sufficient enough to study any other quantitative fields.

For future plan, I would love to be a professor and researcher at a university after getting my PhD. And of course, you can quote this, although my language is quite informal here.

I also like to take this opportunity to thank for all the training and support from professors and staffs of the FIU math department for me in the last 3 years. It's such a pleasure knowing all of you.

All the best,
Tram