ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS
MASTER OF STATISTICS PROGRAM

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The UPSS Master of Statistics (MoS) program equipped me with both basic knowledge of statistics and its theoretical background. It helped me pursue my career as a data scientist, which is in high demand but in short supply in the world now. It also stimulated me to further advance my skills in data science and machine learning while in the workplace. The MoS program is surely a good choice for someone who wants to serve the world, armed with statistics and data science.

Kazuaki Komoto
Chief Data Scientist,
SOMPO Risk Management Inc., Japan
MoS Graduate (2005)

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> " *By any standards, it's a healthy and fruitful endeavor... and I have no regrets.* "

In the summer of 2006, I applied to the UPSS graduate program, and looking back now - it is undoubtedly one of the best decisions I made. It became my beachhead to a satisfying economic development job at the Asian Development Bank and a memorable stint with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

The dedication of the professors and warmth of the community are the intangible assets of the program, in addition to the wealth of knowledge and experience of the faculty members. They have this magical way of making hard probability theories easier to learn, which lays down the bridge for its application to other social sciences. A bit of a background on calculus and matrix algebra is expedient, from that stone, the faculty will be able to build for you the whole program.

By any standards, it's a healthy and fruitful endeavor. The rigorous training I received is for the long-haul and I have no regrets.

Michael Cokee

Economic Analyst, ADB (until 2018)
Dealer in Auto Parts
MoS Graduate (2009)

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" The UPSS faculty members simplify the difficult statistical concepts into simpler ones... "

The UP School of Statistics (UPSS) faculty members simplify the difficult statistical concepts into simpler ones so that students from other fields, like me, can still grasp their meaning. The UPSS Master of Statistics (MoS) Program equipped me with both theoretical and practical knowledge of statistics. It assists me in pursuing my career as a part-time lecturer in universities and as a statistician, which is in-demand in my organization and in my country in general. It also allowed me to improve the quality of the estimation and compilation of our official statistics as well as my teaching capacity not only in statistics, but also in other fields such as research and economics. Because of this program, I had an opportunity to be promoted to a Deputy Director General of my institution recently. The UPSS MoS program has truly contributed a lot to my career in the field of statistics.

Thy Veun

Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning, Kingdom of Cambodia
MoS Graduate (2017)

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"The strong technical foundation helped me succeed as an independent analytics consultant."

The Master of Statistics program opened up the world of analytics and data science for me. In the program, I've had professors which were not only world-class and technically rigorous, but were also very capable of bridging theory into applications in the professional setting. I have met a lot of like-minded professionals in class who were brilliant and passionate in their own fields. The curriculum itself was very strong, and after graduating I felt immense confidence in my abilities to help solve my clients' statistical and analytical problems.

I would say that the UPSS graduate program's biggest advantage is the strong technical foundation it builds in every student. This definitely helped me succeed as an independent analytics consultant.

Noemi Ramiro
Independent Analytics and Data Science Consultant
MoS Graduate (2017)

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Like any other courses in UP Diliman, pursuing a UPSS graduate program was no easy feat. Working as a Bank Examiner on weekdays and attending my Stat classes on weekends, were few of the many sacrifices I made to advance my performance as a government servant. Graduating in a Master of Statistics (MOS) program was an achievement enough for me, trusting that the education I gained is a versatile tool in almost all areas of discipline. Promoting the use of statistical knowledge in various fields of interest, taught by prominent mentors in a world-class educational institution, also paved the way for me to pursue an economics and public policy graduate degree as a foreign scholar. True to my expectations, the fundamentals provided by this institution are at par with global standards. My educational journey brought me to my career as a policy officer at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, providing policies that are data-driven and research-based to supervise and regulate financial institutions in the country.

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Kristin D. Soriano
Bank Officer V, Supervisory Policy and Research Department, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
MoS Graduate (2015)

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I decided to continue my studies in the UP School of Statistics (UPSS) to further develop my skill in quantitative research methods and incorporate this with geospatial analytics, my chosen field of specialization. UPSS was able to help me fulfill this endeavor through the Master of Statistics (MoS) program, a program designed to help practitioners effectively implement statistical analysis within their respective domains. Through this program, UPSS gave me the skills and confidence needed to become a statistician in my field. My professors and advisers were instrumental to the success of my master's thesis on spatial statistics and electoral geography, which allowed me to present at a conference for geospatial technologies in Europe. I consider my studies in UPSS as a major turning point in my academic and professional life, since this paved the way for me to pursue further studies on geospatial analytics abroad, and to eventually land a career in statistical consulting. I am positive that professionals, who also share a similar passion in statistics like me, can also expand their opportunities in their respective fields if they become a part of this commendable program.

UPSS gave me the skills and confidence needed to become a statistician in my field.

Dennis P. Dizon
Economics and Statistics Consultant
Asian Development Bank
MoS Graduate (2018)