

This was my third semester as a participant in the UTA program. This semester, I assisted Dr. Andrew Gillette in teaching Math 313, Introduction to Linear Algebra. My responsibilities included grading homework, tutoring, and holding review sessions before exams. Dr. Gillette was an amazing mentor in that he really tailored the experience to suit my needs by letting me choose what I would do for the course. (It just happened that I like grading and holding review sessions.) He was incredibly supportive and helpful, and I would definitely recommend him as a mentor to anyone wanting to be a UTA.

My experience in the program was useful in that I got the chance to be more involved in a class that I also really enjoyed as a student. Back when I took Math 313, I was excited to learn about it and talk about it to other people, but I didn't really have an audience for it at the time. Being a UTA gave me the opportunity to talk about the math with people who were engaged and motivated as well, and it was exciting to try and inspire the same enjoyment that I had. I wouldn't necessarily say that I am now good at communicating math concepts to other people, but I think that the frequent practice made for slight improvement on my end. I would recommend the program to undergraduates who enjoyed some of their math classes and would really like to talk about them.