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To the Admissions Committee,

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Xingyu Liu, who is applying to the University of California, Berkeley, Statistics MA program. I have had the privilege of being Xingyu's instructor in CSCE 111 at Texas A&M University and have closely observed her exceptional academic accomplishments, leadership skills, and commitment to both personal and community development.

Xingyu Liu stood out as a top student in my CSCE 111 class, which is no small feat considering the caliber of the course and the large class size. Her keen understanding of the subject matter, coupled with her ability to apply it to various aspects of her Statistics degree, exemplifies not only her intellectual prowess but also her versatility in integrating knowledge across disciplines.

Following her outstanding performance in CSCE 111, Xingyu expressed a strong desire to contribute further to the course by serving as a Teaching Assistant. In this role, she has excelled, demonstrating not only a deep understanding of the material but also an exceptional ability to communicate and assist her fellow students in their learning journey. Her dedication to enhancing the educational experience extends beyond the classroom; she has been instrumental in analyzing data from the course to identify areas for improvement, displaying her commitment to the continuous enhancement of educational practices.

Xingyu's achievements in her major, Statistics, are equally commendable. She has earned scholarships and honors for her outstanding academic accomplishments, a testament to her dedication to excellence. What sets Xingyu apart is her unique approach to learning—she actively seeks opportunities to expand her knowledge and skills, demonstrating a proactive commitment to personal and professional development.

In addition to her academic achievements, Xingyu has consistently shown leadership qualities in team projects and student organizations. Her involvement as a student ambassador, assistant, and/or officer in various capacities highlights her commitment to giving back to the community and fostering a positive and inclusive academic environment.

Having closely worked with Xingyu in various capacities, I can confidently say that she is not only one of the top students in our program but also a valuable asset to any academic community. Her dedication to learning, leadership skills, and commitment to community engagement make her an ideal candidate for the Statistics MA program and an outstanding ambassador for your program.

I wholeheartedly recommend Xingyu Liu for admission to University of California, Berkeley. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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