STATISTICS: BIOSTATISTICS, M.S.

This is a named option in the Statistics M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/statistics/statistics-ms/#text)

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program’s admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program’s website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).

Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

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<td>Fall Deadline</td>
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<td>GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)</td>
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<td>English Proficiency Test</td>
<td>Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency</a>).</td>
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<td>Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)</td>
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Students holding a bachelor’s degree with a natural science, social science, or engineering major and strong mathematical background are encouraged to apply for admission to the graduate program in statistics. Students are advised to undertake graduate work in statistics only if their undergraduate grades in mathematics were uniformly high.

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Prospective students should see the program website (https://stat.wisc.edu/graduate-studies/phd-program/) for funding information.

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<td>Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<a href="http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext">http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext</a>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.</td>
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NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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<td><strong>Evening/Weekend:</strong> These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.</td>
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<td><strong>Online:</strong> These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.</td>
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<td><strong>Hybrid:</strong> These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.</td>
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<td><strong>Accelerated:</strong> These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.</td>
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CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Minimum Credit Requirement</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
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<td>A grade of B or better must be received in any course used Requirements to fulfill the required and elective course requirements.</td>
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Assessments and Examinations

Students must pass a competency test containing both a written and an oral component, demonstrating that they have the potential to be a practicing statistician.

Language Requirements

No language requirements.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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<td>STAT 849</td>
<td>Theory and Application of Regression and Analysis of Variance I</td>
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<td>STAT 998</td>
<td>Statistical Consulting</td>
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Select 6 or more credits of Statistics courses 600 or higher

Must include 6 elective credits in:

- STAT/B M I 641 | Statistical Methods for Clinical Trials | 3

And

- STAT/B M I 642 | Statistical Methods for Epidemiology | 3
- or STAT/B M I 741 | Survival Analysis Theory and Methods |         |
- or STAT/B M I 877 | Statistical Methods for Molecular Biology |         |

The following will also be allowed to count toward the 30-credit minimum for the master's degree

Up to 6 credits from Statistics Courses Numbered:

- STAT 303 | R for Statistics I | 6
- STAT 304 | R for Statistics II |         |
- STAT 305 | R for Statistics III |         |
- STAT 349 | Introduction to Time Series |         |
- STAT 351 | Introductory Nonparametric Statistics |         |
- STAT 411 | An Introduction to Sample Survey Theory and Methods |         |
- STAT 421 | Applied Categorical Data Analysis |         |
- STAT 456 | Applied Multivariate Analysis |         |
- STAT/COMP SCI 471 | Statistics |         |

Students may not count both STAT 456 and STAT 760, STAT 349 and STAT 701, or STAT/COMP SCI 471 and STAT 771

**Up to six credits of graduate courses in other departments complementary to the student's interest areas (with permission of the Curriculum and Degree Requirement Committee)**

Total Credits

30

Courses that do not count in this requirement are: STAT 609 Mathematical Statistics I, STAT 610 Introduction to Statistical Inference, STAT 699 Directed Study, STAT/MATH 709 Mathematical Statistics, STAT/MATH 710 Mathematical Statistics, STAT 849 Theory and Application of Regression and Analysis of Variance I, STAT 850 Theory and Application of Regression and Analysis of Variance II, or STAT 998 Statistical Consulting

**POLICIES**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES**

**PRIOR COURSEWORK**

**Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions toward the graduate degree credit and graduate coursework (50%) requirements. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison Undergraduate**

With program approval, up to 6 statistics credits from a UW–Madison undergraduate degree at the 600 level or above are allowed to count toward minimum graduate degree credits. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison University Special**

With program approval, up to 15 statistics credits completed at UW–Madison while a University Special student at the 300 level or above are allowed to count toward minimum graduate degree and graduate residence credit requirements. Of these credits, those at the 700 level or above may also count toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**PROBATION**

Three consecutive reviews in which a student fails to meet the minimum criteria for satisfactory progress will result in the student being dropped from the program. Contact the program for more information.

**ADVISOR / COMMITTEE**

Students are required to meet with their advisor near the beginning of each semester to discuss course selection and progress.
CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED
15 credits

TIME CONSTRAINTS
The competency test must be passed within six semesters after entering the department.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS
These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

• Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
• Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
• Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaffprovost.wisc.edu/)
• Dean of Students Office (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
• Employee Assistance (http://www.eao.wisc.edu/) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
• Employee Disability Resource Office (https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
• Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
• Office of Compliance (https://compliance.wisc.edu/) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
• Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
• Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
• Title IX (https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances.

OTHER
Students pursuing the general statistics and biostatistics options are considered for department financial support and may seek a dual degree if desired.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES
Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.