The Department of Statistics offers a rich variety of courses and seminars in almost all branches of statistical theory and applications. The PhD program provides excellent training in the modern theory, methods and applications of statistics and prepares students to become independent researchers. Graduates are prepared for positions in academia, business, or government. The median time to degree is five years.

The PhD program also has an option in biostatistics with slightly different course requirements, but students can freely switch between options after enrollment. The admissions process pools together all applicants to the PhD programs regardless of option, so there is no need to apply to both programs.

The department strives to support students in the PhD program as teaching, research, or project assistants.

The Statistics Department provides extensive computing facilities, both hardware and software, to support instruction and research. Several computers and advanced graphic workstations are available for use in advanced courses enabling students to pursue the latest research directions in statistical computing and graphics. Common statistical packages and libraries are available on a variety of machines.

The department may be consulted for specific career information. See the department website (http://www.stat.wisc.edu/) for application materials and deadlines.