# STATISTICS

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### Degrees Offered: BA, MStat, MA, PhD

Course work in statistics acquaints students with the role played in the modern world by probabilistic and statistical ideas and methods. Students grow familiar with both the theory and the applications of techniques in common use as they are trained in statistical research. The flexibility of the undergraduate program allows students to concentrate on theoretical or applied training, or they may link their studies in statistics to work in other related departments (see majors in economics, education, electrical and computer engineering, computational and applied mathematics, managerial studies, mathematics, political science, and psychology). Graduate study has concentrations in applied probability, bioinformatics, biomathematics, biostatistics, computational finance, data analysis, density estimation, epidemiology, image processing, model building, quality control, statistical computing, spatial processes, stochastic processes, and time series analysis. A joint MBA/master of engineering degree is also available in conjunction with the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management.

### Degree Requirements for BA in Statistics

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 14–15). Students majoring in statistics normally complete the following:

- MATH 101/102 *Single Variable Calculus I* and *II*
- MATH 211 *Ordinary Differential Equations and Linear Algebra*
- CAAM 210 or 211 *Introduction to Engineering Computation*
- STAT 310 *Probability and Statistics*
- STAT 410 *Introduction to Statistical Computing and Regression*
- 6 elective courses from the statistics department (or other departments with approval from their adviser) at the 300 level or higher

Mathematically oriented students should also take MATH 212 *Multivariable Calculus* and MATH 355 *Linear Algebra* (or CAAM 335 *Matrix Analysis*).

The department offers a specialization in computational finance and through the Center for Computational Finance and Economic Systems.

## Degree Requirements for MStat, MA, and PhD in Statistics

For general university requirements, see Graduate Degrees (pages 57–58). Admissions applications should include scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) in the quantitative, verbal, and analytical tests. Financial support is available for well-qualified doctoral students. Course work for all degree programs should be at the 400 level or above, although 2 approved 300-level courses may be accepted.

**Master's Programs**—Candidates for the nonthesis MStat degree must complete 30 semester hours of approved course work. Candidates for the MA degree in statistics must complete 30 semester hours of approved course work as well as one of the following: (1) complete an original thesis and defend it in a public oral examination; or (2) perform satisfactorily on the second-year PhD comprehensive examinations.

**PhD Program**—Candidates for the PhD degree in statistics must complete at least 90 semester hours of approved course work beyond the bachelor's degree and a minimum of 60 hours beyond a master's degree, perform satisfactorily on preliminary and qualifying examinations, and complete an original thesis with a public oral defense.

**See STAT in the Courses of Instruction section.**