Statistics New Student
Conference Preview

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At your Dean’s Meeting on Day 2 of your New Student Conference, the first part of the meeting will be information about policies and procedures with all students in the College of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics).

The meeting will then break out into groups with Biology remaining in the room. All other majors will adjourn to other locations.

With only the Statistics students, academic advisors will go over department specific policies and discuss degree plans, including Advanced Placement Credit, Dual Credit and CLEP.

Registration procedures will then be discussed.
What is Statistics?

• Statistics is the science of learning from data.
• Example application areas:
  – Google web searches.
  – Netflix user recommendations.
  – Pharmaceutical drug development.
  – Sports analytics.
  – Modeling global climate change.
  – Credit card fraud detection.
  – Biomarkers and disease detection.
  – Criminal justice.
  – Many, many more.
THINK YOU KNOW STATISTICS? THINK AGAIN!

Statistics is a fulfilling and rewarding profession. With a career in statistics — the science of learning from data — you can make a difference, have fun, satisfy your curiosity, and make money.

Why Study Statistics?

» Statistical analysis and data mining were listed among the “hottest skills of 2014” by LinkedIn.

» The McKinsey Global Institute predicts a shortage of up to 190,000 people with the skills needed to run Big Data projects.

» Online jobs site CareerCast named statistician a top job for women.

» Fortune magazine ranked statistics and biostatistics among the top graduate degrees based on salary, growth and job satisfaction.
American Statistical Association Fact Sheet

Statisticians Work in Many Interesting Fields

Sports
Working with professional or college sports teams using statistics to inform draft picks for the most competitive players.

Medicine and Health
Helping medical researchers understand the prevalence of disease among various populations.

Data Science
 Contributing to advancements in the computing industry through machine learning, speech recognition and artificial intelligence.

Ecology and the Environment
Conducting analyses that lead to better management of the earth’s natural resources.

Business and Finance
Helping industry improve efficiency in business processes; working with banks to identify risk and opportunity.

Politics and Government
Improving voter targeting and assessing the success of government policies and programs.

Learn more about careers in statistics at www.ThisisStatistics.org
Careers in Statistics

From a recent U. S. News and World Report survey on jobs

Rankings

Statisticians rank #1 in Best Business Jobs. Jobs are ranked according to their ability to offer an elusive mix of factors. Read more about how we rank the best jobs.

Statisticians are ranked:

- #1 in Best Business Jobs
- #1 in Best STEM Jobs
- #4 in The 100 Best Jobs

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Careers in Statistics

The Best Jobs of 2017

By: CareerCast.com

STEM Education Coalition executive director James Brown projected careers in STEM – science, mathematics, engineering and technology – to be the “jobs of tomorrow” in 2014. The annual Jobs Rated reports confirm that assessment, but with an added twist: the future is now. STEM jobs abound on the Jobs Rated’s best jobs of 2017 list.

As the world becomes more quantitative and data-focused, mathematics takes center stage, with Statistician topping the best jobs of 2017. Applying the Jobs Rated criteria – evaluating income, growth outlook, stress and environmental factors – this hot field ranked No. 1.

Statistician

Overall Rating: 1/199

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Median Salary: $80,110

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Bachelor of Science in Statistics

The degree plan for the B.S. in Statistics is online:

http://www.stat.tamu.edu/academics/major/

This information is in the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.tamu.edu).

Please familiarize yourself with the degree plan as this will help you when choosing courses for the Fall 2017 semester.

Please keep in mind all Statistics majors are expected to complete the following courses by the start of their fifth full semester: STAT 182, 211, 212; MATH 171 and 172 or 151 and 152; MATH 221 or 253; MATH 304 or 323; 3 science courses; and 2 CSCE courses. See our website for approved science and CSCE courses.
B.S. in Statistics Course Flowchart: Overview

Electives

- Core Electives
  - 44 credit hours
- Electives in Outside Specialization
  - 12 credit hours
- Free Electives
  - 4 credit hours

CSCE Electives
- 8 credit hours

MATH Electives
- 3 or 6 credit hours

STAT Electives
- 6 or 9 credit hours

Required Courses

- STAT 182
  - Foundations of Statistics
- MATH 171 – 172
  - Calculus I & II
- MATH 221
  - Calculus III
- MATH 304/323
  - Linear Algebra
- STAT 211 – 212
  - Principles of Statistics I & II
- STAT 404
  - Statistical Computing
- STAT 408
  - Introduction to Linear Models
- STAT 406
  - Design & Analysis of Experiments
- STAT 404
  - Statistical Computing
- STAT 414 – 415
  - Mathematical Statistics I & II
- STAT 482
  - Statistics Capstone

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B.S. in Statistics Course Flowchart: Possible Schedule

Semester 1
- Core Elective
- Core Elective
- Science Elective
- MATH 171
  - Calculus I

Semester 2
- Core Elective
- CSCE Elective
- Science Elective
- MATH 172
  - Calculus II
  - STAT 182
    - Foundations of Statistics

Semester 3
- Core Elective
- Core Elective
- Science Elective
- MATH 221
  - Calculus III
  - STAT 211
    - Principles of Statistics I

Semester 4
- Core Elective
- Core Elective
- CSCE Elective
- MATH 304/323
  - Linear Algebra
  - STAT 212
    - Principles of Statistics II

Semester 5
- Core Elective
- Outside Elective
- MATH Elective
- STAT 404
  - Statistical Computing
  - STAT 414
    - Mathematical Statistics I

Semester 6
- Core Elective
- Core Elective
- Outside Elective
- MATH Elective
- STAT 408
  - Intro to Linear Models
  - STAT 415
    - Mathematical Statistics II

Semester 7
- Core Elective
- Outside Elective
- MATH Elective
- STAT Elective
- STAT 406
  - Design & Analysis of Experiments

Semester 8
- Free Elective
- Outside Elective
- STAT Elective
- STAT 482
  - Statistics Capstone

Legend:
- Electives. A total of 80 credit hours.
- Required for degree. A total of 40 credit hours.
# B.S. in Statistics: Possible Schedule by Semester

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### B.S. in Statistics Course Flowchart: Possible Schedule

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Core Curriculum

• The core curriculum (core.tamu.edu) is required of all students at Texas A&M.

• **Communication:** ENGL 104, one of COMM 203, 205, or 243.
• **Mathematics:** Included in degree requirements.
• **Life and Physical Sciences:** Included in degree requirements.
• **Language, Philosophy, and Culture:** 3 hours from UCC list.
• **Creative Arts:** 3 hours from UCC list.
• **American History:** 6 hours from UCC list.
• **Government/Political Science:** POLS 206/207
• **Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 hours from UCC list.
Core Curriculum

• In addition to the core curriculum, students must have two International and Cultural Diversity Electives.

• Many of the options also meet core curriculum. At core.tamu.edu, if there is a ‘yes’ in the ICD column, that means the course can be used for the core area and as one of the two International and Cultural Diversity Electives you need. For example, under Social and Behavioral Sciences, a student might choose to take SOCI205. This course has a ‘yes’ in the ICD column, so it is a Social and Behavioral Science as well as an ICD Elective.
Advanced Placement

• Depending on when your New Student Conference is, you may or may not know what your AP scores are. Senior year scores are not reported until July, usually around the end of the first week.

• In choosing your spring courses, if you are awaiting AP scores in non-science courses such as Government, US History, Psychology, etc., it is best to not put that course on your schedule. These are hours you can pick up at a later time.

• If you are awaiting scores for Biology, Calculus, or Chemistry, you will need to register for the first course in the sequence until your scores are received by the University and accepted. You can contact our office once you have accepted scores, and we can change your schedule later in the summer if desired.

• Be aware that you can always take a class that you could have accepted AP credit for.

• AP credit is credit only. No grade is associated with it.

• AP credit in statistics will not replace any classes in the Statistics B.S. degree plan.
Advanced Placement Continued

- A student has to accept his/her AP credit once A&M has received the scores. This is done on Howdy (howdy.tamu.edu) in the My Record tab.
- In the Grades and Transcripts box, there is a link to Credit by Examination.
- Any credits you are eligible to accept will be listed.
- Talk to an advisor before accepting any credit you are not sure about. Once accepted you cannot remove it from your record.
Common AP Credits and Scores

The complete list of AP scores required and credit that can be received is found at [http://dars.tamu.edu/Testing/AP,-SAT,-ACT,-and-Other-Information-for-Incoming-F/files/AP_Requirements.aspx](http://dars.tamu.edu/Testing/AP,-SAT,-ACT,-and-Other-Information-for-Incoming-F/files/AP_Requirements.aspx). Please check website as some changes may occur due to new legislation.

Commonly-completed AP tests with current scores (subject to change):

- Biology 4=BIO111 and 112 (no partial credit given)
- Chemistry 3=CHEM101/111; 4=CHEM101/111 and 102/112
- Calculus AB 4=MATH151
- Calculus BC 3=MATH151; 4=MATH151 and 152
- US History 3=HIST105 and HIST106
- US Government and Politics 3=POLS206
- English Lit and Comp 3=ENGL104; 4=ENGL104 and ENGL203
- English Lang and Comp 3=ENGL104; 4=ENGL104 and ENGL241
Dual-Credit Coursework

• If you have dual-credit coursework, please make sure to send a copy of an official transcript to Texas A&M so that your degree evaluation reflects all credit earned. Texas A&M accepts electronically transmitted transcripts and transcripts sent (in sealed envelopes) from other academic institutions.

• Grades from dual-credit coursework will not be factored into your Texas A&M GPR, but the grade will show in the form of TA, TB, TC, TD or TF (transfer grade of A, B, C, D, or F).

• Occasionally, a course will transfer by title (reflected by TRNS on your unofficial transcript). Check with the advising office, as it may have an equivalent course at A&M (course syllabi may be submitted for review).
CLEP Testing

- CLEP Testing is offered through the office of Data and Research Services. A list of courses for which CLEP credit is offered can be found at [http://dars.tamu.edu/getattachment/Testing/CLEP/CLEP-info-LDAVIS.pdf.aspx](http://dars.tamu.edu/getattachment/Testing/CLEP/CLEP-info-LDAVIS.pdf.aspx)

- Credit by Exam Eligibility
  - Students may not receive credit by exam for courses that are prerequisites to courses for which they already have credit, except with the approval of the department authorizing the examination.
  - Students may not have credit posted for credit by examination for a course in which he or she is currently registered or has acquired a grade other than Q, WP, or NG.

- The total cost of each CLEP test is $115, with $35 due at the time of registration and $80 to be paid at collegeboard.org.
CLEP Testing continued…

• Exams will last around 90 minutes.
• Scores will post to your MyRecord account on Howdy approximately a week after the exam. If you receive a qualifying score, you will need to go to the My Record tab on Howdy and select ‘Credit by Examination’.
Things To Do BEFORE Your New Student Conference

- Math Placement Exam (mathassessment@math.tamu.edu)
- Check for Holds (TSI, Bacterial Meningitis, etc.)
- Complete any required Lab Safety Acknowledgments

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Sample Student Schedules

- Class selection will depend on Math Placement score, dual credit, AP credit, participation in learning communities, etc.
- A proposed schedule is on our website: http://www.stat.tamu.edu/academics/bs-degree-schedule/
  - Our website also has proposed schedules specific to students interested in specializing in one of bioinformatics, business, computer science, premed, industrial engineering, and mathematics (both pre-grad school and basic).

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See website for footnote details
Registration

• All students at your New Student Conference will register at 2:00 p.m. on day two of the conference.

• Holds will prevent you from adding courses.

• The Lab Safety Acknowledgement must be completed each semester – this is located on the MyRecord tab and must be completed before you can add any classes that require or include labs (such as BIOL 111 or CHEM 101/111).

• Statistics students will register in Blocker 448 with advisors present to help and to answer questions. All students will register at the same time at a computer.
Registration

• Want to search class availability? It can be found at howdy.tamu.edu; then select My Record Tab
• Search Class Schedule Link
• Select Term Fall 2017 College Station
• Select Course Department (BIOL in example)
• Select Course Number (BIOL111 in example)
1. Class Availability
2. Days and Times Class Meets
   MWF-Monday Wednesday and Friday
   TR-Tuesday and Thursday
   M-Monday only; T-Tuesday only; W-Wednesday only; R-Thursday only; F-Friday only (one day a week is usually a lab)
3. Location of Class
4. Instructor
5. Section Number-2xx denotes honors section EXCEPT with KINE199; 5xx is for most classes except CHEM labs, they start 4xx
6. Restrictions
7. CRN Numbers-Used for quicker registration

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How to Register (Add/Drop) Classes:

1. On the My Record tab, click the Registration Status link in the Registration channel.

2. Highlight your term and campus and click Submit

3. Make sure that all boxes are checked…
How to Register (Add/Drop) Classes (continued):

4. If the system alerts you to any holds on your record, contact the department in question to see what action needs to be taken to lift the hold. (Contact information should be listed next to the hold information). If the either of the other two boxes are not checked, contact the Registration Help Desk for more information (979-845-7117)

5. If OK to register, scroll down to the bottom of the page and agree to the terms and conditions. This must be done each semester.

6. Choose one of two options:
   A. If you know the Course Reference Numbers (CRNs) of the classes you wish to take, enter them into the Add Classes Worksheet and then click ‘Submit Changes’. The classes will be added to your schedule unless they are full or you are not allowed to take them.
   B. If you do not know the CRNs of the classes you want, click ‘New Search’

**WARNING** – If you click ‘Add to Worksheet’, the class is not yet added to your schedule. Once all desired classes have been added to the worksheet, you can submit the schedule. Keep in mind that some classes may fill up in the time in between you adding a course to the worksheet and submitting the schedule. Also, if prerequisites are not met for a course, the system will not place you in that course.
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7. You can click on the blue CRN for a course to see more information on the course.

8. After clicking on the CRN, you can click on the course title to see any restrictions (Majors only, Freshman/Sophomore, etc.)
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9. Select ‘Return to Previous’ to go back to the list of classes, or ‘New Search’ to start a new search.

10. Check the box next to the class you’re wanting to add. If the box is not showing up on the screen, it is either full or may be restricted to a certain major or learning community. Once submitted, the course will be added unless it is full or requirements are not met.

COMMON ERROR MESSAGES

Class Limit Restriction – The Course is Full.
Major Restriction - You have to be a particular major to take the course.
Department Restriction – You have to be in a particular department to take the course.
TSI Status Restriction – You have to meet specific testing requirements to take the course.
Time conflict with CRN #### – The course overlaps with another course on your schedule.
Registration Tutorial

On the My Record tab (bottom right corner of screen) is a tutorial to practice registration before coming to conference.

Learn About the My Record Tab

Frequently Asked Questions

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