BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN STATISTICS

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Statistics

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Statistics, students will be able to:

1. Apply fundamental theory in probability and statistical inference.
2. Apply and evaluate statistical models.
3. Apply statistical computing for data analysis and data science.
4. Demonstrate competency as a professional statistician.
5. Effectively communicate as a professional statistician.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Statistics

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Statistics must complete:

- A minimum of 16 courses (49-56 credit hours, depending on course selection) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 11 courses (34 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) in departmental (STAT) coursework from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies (p. 2) tab.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the department’s Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

**Summary**

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**Degree Requirements**

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<td>MATH 101</td>
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or MATH 105  AP/OTH CREDIT IN CALCULUS I
MATH 102  SINGLE VARIABLE CALCULUS II
or MATH 106  AP/OTH CREDIT IN CALCULUS II
Select 1 from the following: 3 or 6
MATH 212  MULTIVARIABLE CALCULUS
MATH 221  HONORS CALCULUS III
& MATH 222  and HONORS CALCULUS IV
Select 1 course from the following:
CAAM 335  MATRIX ANALYSIS
or CAAM 334  MATRIX ANALYSIS FOR DATA SCIENCE
or MATH 354  HONORS LINEAR ALGEBRA
or MATH 355  LINEAR ALGEBRA

Statistical Computation

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Basic Computing

Select 1 course from the following: 3-4
CAAM 210  INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING COMPUTATION
or COMP 131  ELEMENTS OF ALGORITHMS AND COMPUTATION
or COMP 141  COMPUTATIONAL THINKING
or COMP 181  ALGORITHMIC THINKING

Advanced Computing

Select 1 course from the following: 3-4
CAAM 378  INTRODUCTION TO OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND OPTIMIZATION
CAAM 440  APPLIED MATRIX ANALYSIS
CAAM 453  NUMERICAL ANALYSIS I
CAAM 471  LINEAR AND INTEGER PROGRAMMING
CAAM 519  COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE I
COMP 215  INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM DESIGN
COMP 322  PRINCIPLES OF PARALLEL PROGRAMMING
ELEC 323  TOOLS AND MODELS FOR DATA SCIENCE
COMP 382  REASONING ABOUT ALGORITHMS
DSCI 302  INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE TOOLS AND MODELS

Probability and Statistics

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<td>STAT 310 / ECON 307</td>
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or STAT 311  HONORS PROBABILITY AND MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS
or STAT 315 / DSCI 301  PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS FOR DATA SCIENCE

STAT 410  LINEAR REGRESSION 4

**Elective Requirements**

Select 6 elective courses from departmental (STAT) course offerings at the 300-level or above, including at least 3 courses from the following Methodology/Theory courses: 1

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Approved Electives

With advisor approval, up to 1 course (3-4 credit hours) from outside departmental (STAT) course offerings may be chosen to fulfill Elective Requirements. The following courses are a sample of approved electives outside Statistics (STAT), however, other courses may be approved by an advisor.

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Senior Capstone

*Select 1 course from the following:*

- DSCI 435 / COMP 449 APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING AND DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS
- STAT 450 SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

**Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Statistics**: 49-56

**Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements**: 33-40

**University Graduation Requirements**: include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying major requirements may additionally meet distribution requirements.

**Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements**: include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

1. With advisor approval, 1 course (3 credit hours) from departments other than Statistics may be used as an elective. The substitution course may not be used as a replacement for 1 of the 3 required methodological theory courses listed above. STAT 305, STAT 310, STAT 311, STAT 315, and STAT 385 will not count as electives. See below for typically approved coursework.

2. DSCI 435 / COMP 449 is also listed in the Approved Elective category outside departmental (STAT) course offerings. If completed to fulfill the Senior Capstone requirement, this course may not be used as an Approved Elective.

**Footnotes and Additional Information**

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**Total Credit Hours**: 120

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#### programs:

- **COMP 441** LARGE-SCALE MACHINE LEARNING
- **COMP 485 / BIOE 485 / ELEC 485** FUNDAMENTALS OF MEDICAL IMAGING I
- **COMP 502 / ELEC 502 / STAT 502** NEURAL MACHINE LEARNING I
- **DSCI 304** INTRODUCTION TO EFFECTIVE DATA VISUALIZATION
- **DSCI 435 / COMP 449** APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING AND DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS
- **ECON 300** GAME THEORY AND OTHER MICRO TOPICS FOR ECON MAJORS
- **ECON 305** GAME THEORY AND OTHER MICRO TOPICS FOR MTEC MAJORS
- **ECON 308** MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS
- **ECON 310 / STAT 376** ECONOMETRICS
- **ECON 418** ECONOMIC FORECASTING
- **ECON 419** ADVANCED TOPICS IN ECONOMETRICS
- **ECON 449** PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING
- **PSYC 439** ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS FOR PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATES
- **SOCI 436** RESEARCH SEMINAR: THE HOUSTON AREA SURVEY
- **SOCI 483** DATA ANALYSIS
- **SMGT 430** INTRODUCTION TO SPORT ANALYTICS

**Footnotes and Additional Information**

1. DSCI 435 / COMP 449 is also listed as a Senior Capstone. If completed to fulfill the Senior Capstone requirement, this course may not be used as an Approved Elective.

### Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Statistics

#### program restrictions and exclusions:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/) under Declaring Majors, Minors and Certificates, students may not obtain both a BA and a BS in the same major. Students pursuing the BA Degree with a Major in Statistics may not additionally pursue the BS Degree with a Major in Statistics.

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates/), students may not major and minor in the same subject.

- Students pursuing the minor in Data Science may fulfill its requirements according to the following guidelines: i.) DSCI 301 is fulfilled by STAT 310, STAT 311, or STAT 315; ii.) DSCI 302 may be used as the STAT major’s Advanced Computing elective; and iii.) DSCI 303 must be substituted with STAT 413.
Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines
Students pursuing the major in Statistics should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 3 courses (9 credit hours) in departmental (STAT) coursework of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the major.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Statistics website: https://statistics.rice.edu/.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Statistics

Academic Honors
The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Fifth-Year Master's Degree Option for Rice Undergraduate Students
In certain situations and with some terminal master's degree programs, Rice students have an option to pursue a master's degree by adding an additional fifth year to their four years of undergraduate studies.

Advanced Rice undergraduate students in good academic standing typically apply to the master's degree program during their junior or senior year. Upon acceptance, depending on course load, financial aid status, and other variables, they may then start taking some required courses of the master's degree program. A plan of study will need to be approved by the student's undergraduate major advisor and the master's degree program director.

As part of this option and opportunity, Rice undergraduate students:

- must complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree and the master's degree independently of each other (i.e. no course may be counted toward the fulfillment of both degrees).
- should be aware there could be financial aid implications if the conversion of undergraduate coursework to that of graduate level reduces their earned undergraduate credit for any semester below that of full-time status (12 credit hours).

Rice undergraduate students completing studies in science and engineering may have the option to pursue the Master of Statistics (MStat) degree. For additional information, students should contact their undergraduate major advisor and the MStat program director.

Internship and Research Opportunities
The Department of Statistics encourages its major and minors to participate the practice of statistics through summer internships, employment and research. Information on current opportunities are posted here: https://statistics.rice.edu/academics/undergraduate (https://statistics.rice.edu/academics/undergraduate/). Students can also approach individual faculty about research opportunities in their group. An undergraduate advisor can talk with you about these and other possibilities.

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