DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF STATISTICS

Program Learning Outcomes for the MA and PhD Degrees in the field of Statistics
Upon completing the MA and PhD degree in the field of Statistics, students will be able to:

1. Master fundamental theory in probability and statistics.
2. Become familiar with a broad range of statistical methods for applications.
4. Develop effective communication skills as a professional statistician.
5. Develop the skills to do independent research.

Requirements for the MA and PhD Degrees in the field of Statistics
For general university requirements, please see Doctoral Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-doctoral-degrees). Students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Statistics must complete:

- A minimum of 90 credit hours of approved course work beyond the bachelor’s degree and a minimum of 60 hours beyond a master’s degree.
- A satisfactory performance on preliminary and qualifying examinations, and an original thesis with a public oral defense.

All Statistics graduate students are assigned a limited amount of teaching and other departmental service as part of their graduate education. The assignment usually entails less than 10 hours per week, averaged over the semester. Students completing the PhD degree in 4 years will be assigned no more than 6 semesters of service.

Summary

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MA Degree Program
The MA degree is a non-thesis master’s degree. For general university requirements, please see Non-Thesis Master’s Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-non-thesis-masters-degrees). Students awarded the MA degree in the field of Statistics should be aware that:

- The MA degree in the field of Statistics requires 30 credit hours of approved course work as well as one of the following:
  a. the completion of an original thesis and defense in a public oral examination; or
  b. satisfactory performance on the PhD comprehensive examinations, and the completion of a major project.

Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Statistics
Department of Statistics Graduate Program Handbook
The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the department of Statistics publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: http://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2017_18/Statistics_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Admission
Preparation for PhD Program. All applicants are required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and admission applications should include GRE scores on the quantitative, verbal, and analytical tests. Financial support is available for well-qualified doctoral students.

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

Opportunities for the PhD Degree in the field of Statistics
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