



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

STATISTICS

Statistics deals with the collection, analysis, presentation, and interpretation of numerical data.

Today's society is awash with information and data; the Internet has the capacity to flood us with raw information. Politicians, interest groups, and the media cite numbers, ratios, and percentages to bolster points of view. Whose numbers can we believe? Does a certain pesticide cause cancer? Is the economy really up? Is that new medical treatment really effective? Statistics offers the tools to answer these kinds of questions. It has an almost limitless scope of application.

Many people use statistics poorly. Our courses in statistics give students the background to use statistics carefully and correctly, with integrity and confidence. Theoretical courses emphasize the development of statistical methods, while our applied courses focus on applying statistical methods to interpreting data. Students will also learn how to use computer software to analyze large data sets.

This program leads to either a **Bachelor of Science degree (3-year or 4-year)** or a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or 4-year) with a major in statistics**. Students taking a degree in another major may choose to enhance their degree by adding a **minor** in statistics as a secondary area of interest.

NEW! Beginning fall 2020, we will be offering a B.Sc. or B.A. 4-year Statistics degree, Data Science Stream. This degree will involve a combination of statistics, mathematics and applied computer science courses. Learn more about this exciting new program and its career opportunities here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/mathstats/data-science.html>

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates apply their expertise in data science, biostatistics, medicine, government, Cancer Care, agricultural research, health care research, quality control and actuarial work. They work with specialists such as economists, biologists, chemists, and doctors to assist in the design of experiments and sampling plans and the analysis of research data. The majority of statisticians find employment with private corporations or government departments and agencies. Statistics Canada representatives visit our campus regularly looking for statistics graduates to fill highly desirable jobs.

SAMPLE COURSES

Statistical Analysis I and II are first-year courses that introduce students to statistical analysis and its applications. These courses include elements of probability, statistical inference (hypothesis testing and confidence intervals) on one and two samples, analysis of variance, contingency tables, and regression analysis.

Introduction to Statistical Computing is a second-year course that provides students with computing skills for statistical analysis of data typically arising in data sciences such as health and medical research, as well as in business. Students gather experience in data manipulation, data

management, and data visualization via graphical techniques using two major statistical packages (SAS and R) and learn programming skills for efficient use of each of these software packages.

Statistics for Epidemiology focuses on the design and statistical analysis of data typically gathered from epidemiological studies. Epidemiologists are concerned with identifying risk factors for diseases. In practice, epidemiological data presents statistical challenges. For example, disease status and risk factors may not be available for all members of the population. Students will learn to analyze epidemiological data using statistical software such as R.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Elementary Biological Statistics I & II
- Statistical Computing I & II
- Business and Management Statistics
- Survey Sampling I and II
- Statistics in Research I & Analysis of Variance and Covariance
- Design of Experiments
- Statistical Learning

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

**STAT-1301(3) Statistical Analysis I and STAT-1302(3) Statistical Analysis II OR
STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biological Statistics and STAT-2001(3) Elementary Biological
Statistics II
MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I AND MATH-1104(3) Introduction to Calculus II
MATH-1201(3) Linear Algebra I
RHET-1103(3) Academic Writing: Science or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)
12 credit hours Electives**

***NOTE:** This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

“I’ve had so much encouragement from my professors. I think there is an effort to encourage women in mathematics and science, which is important. The message has been that I can do anything I put my mind to.”

- Erica Moodie (BA & gold medallist in Statistics at UWinnipeg), Associate Professor and Biostatistics Program Director, Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Occupational Health, McGill University

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg’s general admission requirements, and must also have **Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S or Applied Mathematics 40S**. Students lacking the prerequisite Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S or Applied Mathematics 40S should enroll in MATH-0041 AND MATH-0042, Mathematics Access I and II, which together serve as a prerequisite replacement for Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements, deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:
uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or

204.786.9844. In any case where the University’s Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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