M.S. in Statistics and Data Science

Overview
The Statistics and Data Science program accommodates students desiring an applied background for a career in government and industry as well as students desiring a more theoretical background for further graduate studies.

The Master of Science in Statistics and Data Science degree is available in both a thesis (recommended) and a non-thesis option. For students electing the thesis option, the program requires 24 hours of acceptable course work and 6 hours of credit for the thesis. For students not electing to write a thesis, 36 hours of acceptable coursework, including Statistics 5396, are required. Students must enroll in Statistics 5195 each semester of residence. Comprehensive written exams are required of all students. Students who write a thesis may have a portion of the comprehensive examination waived.

Admissions Requirements
• An official transcript, with the four-year baccalaureate degree posted, from the degree-granting institution and copies of transcripts for all other relevant upper-division and graduate work at accredited U.S. institutions or equivalent work and degrees at foreign institutions.
• Statement of Purpose
• 2 Letters of Recommendation
• Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/) website for required scores

Degree Plan
Required Credits: 31-37

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Select a thesis or non-thesis option: 12-18

Thesis Option
• STAT 5398 Thesis 1
• STAT 5399 Thesis 2

Plus 6 more hours from Electives list below.

Non-Thesis Option
• STAT 5396 Graduate Research

Plus 15 additional hours from Electives list below.

Electives:
• STAT 5329 Statistical Programming
• STAT 5335 Applied Experimental Design
• STAT 5336 Categorical Data Analysis
• STAT 5354 Post-Genomic Analysis
• STAT 5370 Special Topics
• STAT 5386 Stochastic Processes
• STAT 5391 Time Series Analysis
• STAT 5392 Statistical Computing
• STAT 5428 Intro to Statistical Analysis
• STAT 5474 Introduction to Data Mining
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