Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Applicants are expected to have one undergraduate course in Statistics or work experience where statistics are used.

Students who do not have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the quality of their overall application. Work experiences will be considered for applicants who have more than two years of experiences in a related field.

Applicants who are still completing their baccalaureate requirements at the time of application may be admitted to the Graduate School provisionally (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/provisional-admission/), pending the award of the degree. Completion of admission in such cases is dependent upon receipt of the missing credentials.

Core Application Packet

- Completed official online Graduate School application (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/) and payment of a nonrefundable application fee.
- Statement of purpose: a 2-3 page essay articulating career and educational goals that demonstrate the student’s written communication skills and basic statistical knowledge
- A current curriculum vitae (vita) or résumé.
- Three letters of recommendation that attest to the student’s readiness for graduate study and document the requisite of minimum of two years of work experience. Letters must be submitted through the online application system. Within the online application you will be asked to enter the names and email addresses of three individuals who will be providing your recommendation. Those individuals will receive a note via email asking them to complete a brief form that will serve as your recommendation. Applicants must inform all recommenders that recommenders must submit the form in order for the application to be complete.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/).