Statistics Minor (Science)

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Statistics minor introduces students to the quantitative aspects of research. Understanding statistics is useful for research in many areas including agriculture, business, education, social science and sciences as well as many jobs in industry and government.

What is Statistics?

Statistics is the field of study that uses mathematics, computing, and analysis, to organize and understand data. Statisticians use critical and abstract thinking through the application of mathematical principles to statistical problems, and combine modeling with computational skills to analyze data.

You Might Like This Program If...

• You enjoy working with numbers and data.
• You are interested in statistics, but do not want to take the full major.
• You want to complement the skills in your major.

Program Requirements

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

Code | Title                        | Credits |
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Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
MATH 140 | Calculus With Analytic Geometry I | 4       |
MATH 141 | Calculus with Analytic Geometry II | 4       |

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select two of the following: 6

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Select 10-12 credits from 400-level STAT courses ¹ 10-12

¹ Not including:
• STAT 401
• STAT 414
• STAT 415
• STAT 418

Some course may require other coursework as some courses have prerequisites.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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