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Introduction

The UCLA Division of Biostatistics was established in the beginning of 1959 in the then new School of Public Health. Among other degree programs, the division offered the Ph.D. in Biostatistics, with the first degree being awarded in 1963. The Department of Biostatistics was established in 1989 when the School of Public Health reorganized into five departments from a single school-wide departmental structure. The Department of Biostatistics was organized to carry out these goals:

1) To develop a first-rate graduate program in biostatistics filling a demonstrated need for well-trained biostatisticians.
2) To develop biostatistical research programs responsive to the scientific problems encountered in public health and biomedicine.
3) To actively collaborate with investigators at UCLA and worldwide in the solution of health problems.

The Department today is a leader in the training of biostatisticians for universities, government and industry. Its research programs are highly respected nationally and internationally. Faculty members collaborate with investigators in an extremely large number of diverse disciplines.

Scope and Objectives

In recent years biostatistics has become one of the most stimulating areas of applied statistics. The field encompasses the methodology and theory of statistics as applied to problems in the life and health sciences. Biostatisticians are trained in the skilled application of statistical methods to the solutions of problems encountered in public health and medicine. They collaborate with scientists in nearly every area related to health and have made major contributions to our understanding of AIDS, cancer, and immunology, as well as other areas. Further, biostatisticians spend a considerable amount of time developing and evaluating the statistical methodology used in those projects. The Department of Biostatistics offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biostatistics and, through the School of Public Health, the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. degrees with a specialization in biostatistics. All students receive a balanced education, blending theory and practice.

Opportunities in Biostatistics

A degree in biostatistics prepares the student for work in a wide variety of challenging positions in government, industry, and education. Faculty members participate in collaborative research projects in areas such as cancer, AIDS, gerontology, genetics, immunology, dentistry, medical imaging, mental health, health insurance, orthopedics, rheumatology and air pollution. Students work with faculty as research associates during their training. This practical experience often results in co-authored publications before graduation and makes the graduates highly attractive to future employers. Our graduates have found careers involving teaching, research and consulting in fields such as medicine, public health, life sciences, survey research, and computer science. The field has undergone tremendous growth in recent years and many employers now insist on biostatistical input for nearly all their research and marketing. UCLA has a superior record in training students both at the masters and doctoral level, and our graduates have no difficulty in finding employment suited to their training and interests.
**Graduate Degrees Offered**

M.S. in Biostatistics  
Ph.D. in Biostatistics  
M.P.H. with specialization in Biostatistics  
Dr. P.H. with specialization in Biostatistics

The M.S. and Ph.D. are research-oriented degrees while the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. are professional degrees which emphasize Public Health applications.

The M.P.H. and M.S. degrees are typically two year programs, but can be completed in less time by well-prepared students. The M.P.H. emphasizes Public Health, exposing students to many important areas of health research. The M.S. gives the students a strong theoretical foundation, as well as applications, and is the best choice for any student planning to go on for a doctorate (Ph.D. or Dr.P.H.). Recently, a number of doctoral students have elected to enter the Dr.P.H. program which provides substantial statistical training in addition to public health knowledge. The Dr.P.H. Graduates from this program often pursue research careers, but generally as a member of a medical or health research team rather than in a Statistics or Biostatistics Department. The mathematical requirements for this degree are not as rigorous as for the Ph.D.

The Ph.D. degree program trains biostatisticians to solve problems in the health sciences and to develop biostatistical methodology. One of the major strengths of our program is its insistence on mathematical statistics (taught by the Statistics Department) as well as hands-on experience in applied statistics. Graduates with a UCLA Ph.D. are exceptionally well prepared for academic careers and for careers in industry.

Brief outlines of these degrees start on page 8. For more complete information regarding the degree requirements, please refer to the School of Public Health Announcement and the Graduate Division publication titled “Program Requirements for UCLA Graduate Degrees.”

The university web site [www.gdnet.ucla.edu](http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu) maintains information on degree requirements. The requirements that apply to you are those that are in effect this year and you will note this site has links for each entering class. If we change the requirements for graduate degrees after you begin your studies, you can opt for either the old or new requirements.

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Degree Requirements

Master of Science in Biostatistics (M.S.)

PREPARATION FOR THE DEGREE:

Mathematics preparation for the program should include at least two years of calculus:
- Math 31A, B Calculus and Analytic Geometry
- Math 32A, B Calculus of Several Variables
- Math 33A, B Matrices, Differential Equations, Infinite Series

And recommended:
- Math 115A Linear Algebra

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE:

1. Course Requirements:
   - Biostatistics 110A, B Basic Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 115 Topics in Estimation
   - Biostatistics 200A, B, C Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics M215 Survival Analysis
   - Biostatistics 240 Master’s Seminar and Research Resources for Graduating MS Biostatistics Students
   - Biostatistics 402A Principles of Biostatistical Consulting (2 units)
   - Biostatistics 402B Biostatistical Consulting
   - Biostatistics 596 Directed Individual Study or Research (4 units)
   - Statistics 100A Probability Theory (formerly Statistics M100A)
   - Statistics 100B Statistical Theory

   • and 12 units of special topics courses from Biostatistics M210 through M238 (except M215), M250 through 285, 403A, or 404 through 419 (except 406). At least 4 of the 12 units must be in the 200 series.

2. Master’s Report: A written report under the direction of a member of the Biostatistics faculty is required (usually taken as Biostatistics 596).

3. Comprehensive Examination: A written comprehensive examination covering the above course material is required.

The Bioinformatics certificate program is available to MS students. Please consult your advisor at the beginning of the program. Web site: http://www.bioinformatics.ucla.edu

Courses that apply toward the degree MUST be taken on a letter grade basis (except Biostat 402B).
## Typical MS Program: Sequence of Classes

This sequence of classes is intended to serve as a guide for students in the two-year MS Program in Biostatistics. In general, the faculty recommends that students take required courses in the sequence shown below. Student should meet with their faculty advisors to select electives which best suites their interests and goals.

| Year 1  
(2002-03) | Fall                                                                 | Winter                              | Spring                              |
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<td>2. Stat M100A (required)</td>
<td>2. Stat 100B (required)</td>
<td>2. Special topic* (elective)</td>
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<td>- fulfills special topic* requirement -</td>
<td>4. Special topic* (elective)</td>
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<td>Biostat 230 (elective)</td>
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| Year 2  
(2003-04) | Fall                                                                 | Winter                              | Spring                              |
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<td>2. Biostat M215 (required)</td>
<td>2. Special topic* (elective)</td>
<td>2. Biostat 240 (required)</td>
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**Notes:**

* 12 units of special topics courses from Biostatistics M210 through M237B (except M215), M250 through 285, 403A, or 404 through 419 (except 406). At least 4 of the 12 units must be in the 200 series.

**Biostat 402B is taken once during the second year** (time is determined at the Fall class meeting).
Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics (Ph.D.)

The program of study requires three areas of knowledge: biostatistics, mathematical statistics, and a field of application in the life or health sciences. It is designed to train statisticians who can apply statistical methods to solve problems in the health field and who can conduct theoretical research in statistical methodology.

Preparation for the degree:

Mathematics and statistics preparation for the program should include at least two years of calculus:
- Math 31A, B Calculus and Analytic Geometry
- Math 32A, B Calculus of Several Variables
- Math 33A, B Matrices, Differential Equations, Infinite Series
- Math 115A Linear Algebra
- Statistics M100A, B, C Probability & Statistical Theory (formerly Statistics M152A, B, C)

Biostatistics preparation for the program should include:
- Biostatistics 115 Topics in Estimation
- Biostatistics 200A, B, C Biostatistics
- Biostatistics M215 Survival Analysis

Students entering with a Bachelor’s degree will normally take these courses during their first year of study.

Requirements for the degree:

1. Course Requirements:

   Field 1: Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 250A, B Linear Models
   - Biostatistics 251 Multivariate Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 255 Advanced Topics and Probability in Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 245 Doctoral Seminar (for more info see #3)
   - Biostatistics 409 Biostats Consulting (for more info see #4)
   - Biostat Special Topics from the 230, 270, 280 series (any 3 courses)
   
   Field 2: Mathematical Statistics
   - Statistics 200A, B Statistical Theory

   Field 3: (field of application)
   The 3rd field should be an area of application of Biostatistics such as AIDS, biology, bioinformatics, epidemiology, infectious diseases, medicine, microbiology, pharmacology, physiology, psychology, zoology or public health. Electives should be selected in consultation with the student’s advisor. The program usually includes a total of 16 graduate-courses units. A minimum grade of B is required for each course. Before enrolling in 3rd field courses, students must complete and submit the Ph.D. Form 1 (Petition for Establishment of 3rd Field for the Ph.D. in Biostatistics) to the department chair for approval.

2. Examinations

   The written comprehensive examinations are taken on consecutive days at the beginning of the second year (fall quarter). There are two required comprehensive exams: Theoretical
Statistics and Biostatistics. Students entering with a Bachelor’s degree normally take these exams at the beginning of their third year.

a) Theoretical Statistics Written Qualifying Examination
   Courses which help to prepare for the examination include the following:
   - Biostatistics 115 Topics in Estimation
   - Biostatistics 255 Advanced Topics and Probability in Biostatistics
   - Statistics 100A, B, C Probability & Statistical Theory
   - Statistics 200A, B Statistical Theory

b) Biostatistics Written Qualifying Examination
   Courses which help to prepare for the examination include the following:
   - Biostatistics 110A, B Basic Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 115 Topics in Estimation
   - Biostatistics 200A, B, C Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics M215 Survival Analysis
   - Biostatistics 250A, B Linear Models
   - Biostatistics 251 Multivariate Biostatistics

3. Doctoral Seminar: Biostatistics 245
   All doctoral students must register for Biostatistics 245, advanced seminar, every quarter and attend regular weekly seminar scheduled by the Department. At least once each year, each student will present a seminar.

4. Consulting: Biostatistics 409
   All registered doctoral students must also enroll in Biostatistics 409 (doctoral statistical consulting seminar: field training course) for three consecutive quarters before advancement to candidacy.

5. Oral Examinations and Dissertation
   a) Oral Qualifying Examination
      The student’s understanding of statistical theory and his/her ability to apply it is evaluated in this oral examination. The proposed dissertation topic is also reviewed. Passing of this examination is required before a student is officially advanced to candidacy. A failed examination may be repeated once on the recommendation of the committee.
   
   b) Dissertation and Defence
      After successfully completing a dissertation under the guidance of a Biostatistics faculty member, an oral examination defending the dissertation is required. A failed examination may be repeated once on the recommendation of the committee.

SEQUENCE OF CLASSES:
This sequence of classes is intended to serve as a guide for 1st year students in the PhD Program. Student should meet with their faculty advisors to select electives which best suites their interests and goals. Schedules vary after the first year.

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Courses that apply toward the degree MUST be taken on a letter grade basis (except Biostat 409 & 245).
Master of Public Health with Specialization in Biostatistics (M.P.H.)

Preparation for the Degree:

Mathematics preparation for the program should include at least one year of calculus:
- Math 31A, B Calculus and Analytic Geometry
- Math 32A Calculus of Several Variables

Requirements for the Degree:

1. Core Course Requirements in Public Health:
   - Com Hlth Sci 100 Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
   - Env Hlth Sci 100 or 101 Introduction to Environmental Health
   - Epidemiology 100 Principles of Epidemiology
   - Health Services 100 Health Services Organization

   Each core course may be waived if the student has taken a similar college-level course elsewhere and can pass the waiver examination.

2. Course Requirements in Biostatistics:
   - Biostatistics 110A, B Basic Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 200A Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 201 Topics in Applied Regression
   - Biostatistics 402A Principles of Biostatistical Consulting (2 units)
   - Biostatistics 402B Biostatistical Consulting
   - Biostatistics 403A Computer Management of Health Data
   - Biostatistics 406 Applied Multivariate Biostatistics

   • and 8 units of elective courses (special topics) from Biostatistics 200B, 200C, M210 through M238, or 403B through 419 (except 406).

   Additional elective courses are recommended and should be selected in biostatistics, public health, biomathematics or mathematics.

3. Field Training:

   Field training in an approved public health program of up to ten weeks is required of MPH candidates who have not had prior relevant field experience. Biostatistics 402B, Biostatistics Consulting, will satisfy this requirement.

4. Comprehensive Examination: A written comprehensive examination covering the above course material is required.

Courses that apply toward the degree MUST be taken on a letter grade basis (except Biostat 402B).

Note: Students planning to enter the Dr.P.H. program after completing M.P.H. degree are advised that the Dr.P.H. has mathematics prerequisites which are NOT required for the M.P.H. (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY the degree description, PLAN ACCORDINGLY, and DISCUSS with your advisor.)
# Typical MPH Program: Sequence of Classes

This sequence of classes is intended to serve as a guide for students in the two-year MPH Program in Biostatistics. In general, the faculty recommends that students take required courses in the sequence shown below. Student should meet with their faculty advisors to select electives which best suites their interests and goals.

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<td>1. Special topic* (elective)</td>
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<td>2. Biostat 403A (required)</td>
<td>2. SPH Core Course (required)</td>
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<td>3. SPH Core Course (required)</td>
<td>3. Biostat 402A (required)</td>
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<td><strong>Year 2 (2003-04)</strong></td>
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<td>2. SPH Core Course (required)</td>
<td>2. Special topic** (elective)</td>
<td>2. Elective</td>
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<td>4. Consulting**</td>
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<td>-MPH Comprehensive Exam in May-</td>
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**Notes:**
- * 8 units of elective courses (special topics) from Biostatistics 200B, 200C, M210 through M237B, or 403B through 419 (except 406).

**Biostat 402B is taken once during the second year** (time is determined at the Fall class meeting).
Doctor of Public Health with specialization in Biostatistics (Dr.P.H.)

PREPARATION FOR THE DEGREE:

Mathematics and statistics preparation for the program should include at least two years of calculus:

- Math 31A, B Calculus and Analytic Geometry
- Math 32A, B Calculus of Several Variables
- Math 33A, B Matrices, Differential Equations, Infinite Series
- Math 115A Linear Algebra

Public Health preparation for the program should include:

- Com Hlth Sci 100 Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
- Env Hlth Sci 100 or 101 Introduction to Environmental Health
- Epidemiology 100 Principles of Epidemiology
- Health Services 100 Health Services Organization

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE:

1. Course Requirements:
   Unless previously taken:
   - Biostatistics 115 Topics in Estimation
   - Biostatistics 200A, B, C Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics M215 Survival Analysis
   - Biostatistics 250A, B Linear Models
   - Biostatistics 245 Doctoral Seminar (for more info see #5)
   - Biostatistics 409 Biostatistics Consulting (for more info see #4)
   - Statistics 100A, B Probability & Statistical Theory
   - three graduate-level courses in Biostatistics selected with consent of advisor
     *courses used for the MS degree at UCLA cannot be used here*
   - three courses in the 400 series selected with consent of advisor
     *courses used for the MS degree at UCLA cannot be used here*

2. Examinations
   a) Screening examination
   This written examination covers the equivalent of the following courses and is taken before the end of the first year in the Dr.P.H. program:

   - Biostatistics 110A, B Basic Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 115 Topic in Estimation
   - Biostatistics 200A, B, C Biostatistics
   - Biostatistics 201 Topics in Applied Regression
   - Biostatistics M215 Survival Analysis
   - Statistics 100A, B Probability & Statistical Theory
   - Biostatistics 403A Computer Management of Health Data
   - Biostatistics 406 Applied Multivariate Biostatistics
Note: The written comprehensive examination for the M.S. in Biostatistics given by the UCLA Biostatistics program may be used as a substitute for this examination. Students taking this examination as part of the requirements for the M.S. degree may be asked to take the examination again after entering the Dr.P.H. program.

b) Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
   Courses which help to prepare for the examination includes (in addition to those listed on the previous page for the screening examination):
   - Biostatistics 250A, B Linear Models

3. Breadth Requirement (additional area of concentration)
   Students must take a minimum of 6 full courses (at least 4 in the 200 or 400 series) in at least two School of Public Health Departments other than Biostatistics. School requirements list an additional area of concentration, which may be either inside or outside the School. See 4 (following) for the field experience requirement which can be substituted for this.

4. Consulting: Biostatistics 409
   All registered doctoral students must also enroll in Biostatistics 409 (doctoral statistical consulting seminar: field training course) for three consecutive quarters before advancement to candidacy. This may be used as the additional area of concentration referred to in 3 above.

5. Doctoral Seminar
   All doctoral students must register for Biostatistics 245, advanced seminar, every quarter and attend regular weekly seminar scheduled by the Department. At least once each year, each student will present a seminar.

6. Oral Examinations and Dissertation
   a) Oral Qualifying Examination
      The student’s understanding of statistical theory and his/her ability to apply this knowledge to problems in health research is evaluated in this oral examination. The proposed dissertation topic is also reviewed. Passing of this examination is required before a student is officially advanced to candidacy. A failed examination may be repeated once on the recommendation of the committee.

   b) Dissertation and Defence
      After successfully completing a dissertation under the guidance of a Biostatistics faculty member, an oral examination defending the dissertation is required. A failed examination may be repeated once on the recommendation of the committee.

Courses that apply toward the degree **MUST** be taken on a letter grade basis (except Biostat 409 & 245).
# Schedule of Classes

The schedule of classes is subject to change at any time. For up-to-date class information, please check the Schedule of Classes posted outside the Student Affairs Office (room 16-071 CHS) for Public Health classes only or on the registrar’s website at http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/ for the all UCLA classes.

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School of Public Health Dates & Deadlines for Fall 2002

6/19  URSA enrollment appointments begin (310) 208-0425 or www.ursa.ucla.edu

9/1   Mailing of UCLA (SBAR) Billing Statements with registration assessment

9/20  REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

9/23-10/11 Late registration fee payment in person with $50 late fee

9/23  Fall Quarter begins

9/26  INSTRUCTION BEGINS

9/27  CLASSES DROPPED IF REGISTRATION FEES NOT PAID

10/11 SPH DATA SHEET DEADLINE! Last day for all Public Health students to complete data sheet at Student Services Office 16-071 CHS by 3pm. A HOLD WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR RECORD IF THE DATA SHEET IS NOT COMPLETED BY THIS DAY

Last day to file LEAVE OF ABSENCE petitions

LAST DAY FOR MASTER’S STUDENTS TO SUBMIT ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY PETITION FOR FALL 2001 DEGREE AT SSO

Last day to enroll in courses for credit without $50 late study list fee

10/18 Last day for graduates to add courses with $3 fee

12/2  Last day to file Master's Theses & Doctoral Dissertations at 330 Powell Library

12/6  Last day for Graduates to drop or change grading basis

12/6  INSTRUCTION ENDS

12/9-13 Final examination Week

12/13 Quarter ends

12/30 First day to obtain grades through URSA
Important Academic Information

Official Materials from the University
You will receive many documents from the University stating deadlines, offering opportunities, etc. It is your responsibility to observe the deadlines, and take any action that is required. This is especially important for work-study, financial aid, traineeships, filing deadlines, etc. See attached calendar for the deadlines at the end of this handbook. For the most current deadlines, go to the online schedule and calendar at http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule/.

Student Services Office

Biostatistics
The Student Affairs Officer for the Department is Ms. Carol Yasutomi. Her room number is 51-254 CHS, phone number is (310) 267-2186 and email address is cyasutom@ucla.edu. If you have any questions pertaining to your graduate study here at UCLA, do not hesitate to give her a call or stop by her office during her office hours.

School of Public Health
The school-wide student services office provides oversight and guidance of school-wide and departmental graduate program affairs, including admissions processing, degree processing, class scheduling, funding, orientation and graduation preparations, and general counseling to prospective, new and continuing students. Hours and Location: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3pm (closed Wednesdays). Room 16-071A Center for Health Sciences (first floor). Phone Number: (310) 825-5524.

Academic Advisor
Students are assigned a faculty advisor prior to the beginning of their academic program. Students should initially contact their advisors discuss their course of study and thereafter should stay in contact on a regular basis. The students are expected to meet with their advisor at least once per quarter to discuss your progress, problems, and employment needs.

Students may change advisors. A blue student petition should be used for this request. Approval by the both faculty member and the Biostatistics Department Chair must be obtained. The petition is then submitted to the Public Health Student Services Office.

Advancement to Candidacy

Master’s Degree
Students who wish to graduate in the spring must petition to advancement to candidacy. Advancement to candidacy is a requirement for all M.S. and M.P.H. degree candidates. A workshop will be held in February. If you miss the workshop, petitions for advancement to candidacy can be picked up in the Student Services Office, Room 16-071A CHS. The forms must be completed and returned to the Student Services Office. Please be sure to have filled in all required information and special instruction per the direction on the forms or by the Student Services Office Staff.
The deadline for Advancement to Candidacy for fall and winter quarters is generally the first week of that given quarter.

The Student Affairs Services regularly posts the specific due dates.

**Doctoral Degree**

Advancement to candidacy is also a requirement for students in the Ph.D. and Dr.P.H. programs. Please check with the Student Affairs Services staff for more information.

**Blue petitions**

Blue petition is a form submitted to explain a student’s need or desire to be exempted from any rule or regulation of the University. It is the only way to obtain formal approval from the department, the school, the Registrar or whoever has authority over the particular request. Do all petitions as soon as possible in your career.

**Computer Facilities/Access**

The School of Public Health student computer lab is located in CHS A1-241 in the Center for Health Sciences for drop-in computing use, with the exception of hours when classes are in session. A weekly updated schedule is posted outside of A1-241. Student user accounts are assigned and renewed on a quarterly basis and students using the lab must be enrolled in at least one Public Health course. The lab hours are Monday through Thursday 8AM to 8PM and Friday 8AM to 6PM. The computer lab is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The lab is staffed by lab assistants who will help with basic computer functions. However, they are not tutors.

The instructional computer lab is located in CHS A1-269. The lab hours are Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM (closed on Saturdays and Sundays). This lab is not available for drop-in use.

**Comprehensive exams**

**Master’s Students**

Comprehensive exams for second year MS and MPH students are given in May at the end of the Spring quarter.

**Doctoral Students**

Biostatistics Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam / Theoretical Statistics Qualifying Exam for doctoral students are given at the end of September.

Biostatistics Dr.P.H. Screening and Comprehensive Exams are in the Spring.

Past examinations are considered public. You can arrange to borrow a set to copy. Bring your ID card to the Department Office and you may borrow a set for two hours.

**Courses**

There are very specific course requirements for our Master’s degrees. The final authority on all course requirements are listed on the Graduate Division web page under the “Department and Majors” (“Biostatistics” for MS and PhD students and “Public Health” for MPH and DrPH students) at [http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/current.html](http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/current.html) according to the year in which you enter the
program. However, the Department Chairman can request exemptions under suitable situations. The information in this handout is informal. Advisors are expected to advise you of the requirements, but sometimes there is an area of uncertainty and you may need to clarify the problem with a blue petition.

**Course Waivers**
For M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. students: Prior to the beginning or during the Fall quarter, waiver exams for EnvHlth 100 and Epi 100 waiver examinations are scheduled and given by those department. A waiver examination for ComHlth 100 will be giving the week before the Winter and Spring quarters. For HlthSev 100 waiver exam, contact the Health Services Department. Please refer to your Public Health orientation packet and/or contact the departments for further information.

**English as a Second Language**
All non-native speakers of English new to UCLA are required to take the English as a Second Language Placement Exam (ESLPE). Students may be exempt from this requirement or may be required to take up to three courses of the English 33 series according to their performance on this examination. Please do not delay. If needed, ESL course(s) are designed and intended to facilitate your studies here at UCLA. If you do not fulfill your ESL requirement, you will not be permitted to graduate. Students may only take the exam once! Retakes will not be recognized by the Department. Please look at [http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/esl/eslhome.html](http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/esl/eslhome.html) for more information.

**Grading**
UCLA grades for graduate students, are A, B, C, F, and I. Grade point averages are computed on the basis of 4 points for an “A”, 3 points for a “B”, 2 points for a “C”, and 0 points for an “F”. You must maintain at least a 3.0 average to avoid probation. You must also have a 3.0 average in the required courses to graduate. If you are on probation for two consecutive quarters, you are subject to dismissal from the University.

The grade “I” (Incomplete) may be assigned if you did not complete all of the course material and that the material you did complete was of passing quality. This must be arranged for the “I” before the end of the course with the course instructor. You should have a written agreement with the instructor detailing what is needed to complete the course. A passing grade is added to the transcript provided students satisfactorily complete the course work by the end of the next full term in academic residence. If the work is not completed by the next full term in residence the “I” grade automatically lapses to an “F” or “U” as appropriate.

**Library**
There are four main libraries you need to know about: the University Research Library at the north end of campus, the College Library in Powell, the Biomedical Library in the Center for the Health Sciences, and the Mathematics/Engineering Library in the Math Sciences building. These libraries have all of the journals you should need in your program. There are Xerox machines available in the Biomedical Library for your use.
Biostatistics Library: Following the death of long-time UCLA School of Public Health faculty member Frank J. Massey, Jr., Ph.D., a memorial fund was established by Dr. Massey’s family, colleagues and friends. It is dedicated to refurbishing the Library in the Department. On August 9, 1997, the Frank J. Massey Memorial Library was dedicated with a ceremony and reception for the Massey family, donors and friends. Today, the library is open to Biostatistics faculty, staff and students.

Mail Folders/Announcements
Biostatistics students have mail folders in the Biostatistics Department office, Room 51-254. All announcements and mail arriving at the Biostatistics office will be placed in your folder. Students should check their mail folders regularly.

Also, students should check the bulletin boards outside the Department office for information on courses, seminars, workshops, fellowships and scholarships and job bulletins.

Do NOT have personal mail sent to the department.

Seminar
The Biostatistics seminars are held at 3:30 PM on Wednesdays. It is required for doctoral students, but we encourage all students to attend. We have many interesting and stimulating talks. A reception with the guest speaker is held at 3:00 PM immediately preceding the seminar. It gives students a chance to talk informally with the speaker and is a good opportunity to get to know your fellow students and faculty. For updates on Biostatistics seminars throughout the year go to http://www.ph.ucla.edu/biostat/course/seminars/seminars.htm#current.

Other Important Student Information

Email Account
All Biostatistics students are required to have email accounts. Announcements will be distributed via email.

To set up your Bruin Online account go to a designated “new user terminal” on campus with your UCLA ID number and date of birth. The terminals are located in the OAC Commons computer lab in 4328 Mathematics Science Annex, or the Student Technology Center by Delta Terrace (in Sunset Village). You can also establish an account by telnetting to the machine access.ucla.edu and logging in as newuser. For more information on account establishment, see the BOL Accounts page at http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/accounts/

Bruin OnLine is available for PC/Windows or Macintosh computers via dial-up, campus work stations, or from dorm rooms. To use Bruin OnLine from home you may purchase software from The UCLA Store or the Student Technology Center for a nominal fee. If you already have Internet software, you may obtain configuration instructions from OAC Consulting or the BOL home page at http://www.bol.ucla.edu/.

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**Employment & Financial Aid**

Aid comes in many forms. Besides government and University of California financial aid, students may be eligible for funds directly from the Department. Departmental aid is more merit-based than need-based. Outright gifts such as fellowships and fee waivers are harder to get than a research and teaching assistantship, which usually pays a portion of the fees. Most good students can expect a combination of aid. The one form of aid that is extremely competitive is the allocation of non-resident tuition waivers to foreign students. Once here, students in good academic standing will get continued support.

Students who are receiving financial support from the department must carry a full load of courses, 12 or more units, each quarter. The courses must be approved by the student’s academic advisor. Students who drop course(s) or otherwise do not comply with this requirement may be at risk of losing their financial support from the department.

**Employment**

Practically all doctoral students are able to find employment in the form of a stipend, fellowships, or other work related to their field (e.g. Readers, TA’s, Researchers). Many Master's students are also able to find employment, especially after they have finished their first quarter or if they take certain courses (such as Biostat 403A & M403B). Hourly wages usually range between $15-$22 per hour, with the more advanced students receiving the higher pay rate. Two positions, GSR (Graduate Student Researcher) and special reader carry fee remissions in addition to the standard pay. In some cases, GSR can also qualify for non-resident tuition remission.

If you are seeking employment as a special reader, you should apply at least six weeks in advance to ensure that you receive full consideration. The applications are on the department web site at [http://www.ph.ucla.edu/biostat/current/employ.htm](http://www.ph.ucla.edu/biostat/current/employ.htm). Furthermore, employment as a TA, Reader, or GSR requires application for position as a reader and application for part-time employment. Applications must be updated every quarter. They will be destroyed after 90 days. Submit your application(s) to Carol Yasutomi in 51-254 CHS or by mail: c/o Carol Yasutomi, Department of Biostatistics, UCLA School of Public Health, Box 951772, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1772.

**Special Opportunities**

We have an AIDS training grant in the area of AIDS research. Student supported by this grant (US citizens and permanent residents) receive a stipend plus tuition and fees. UCLA is a major center for AIDS research, and the department is one of the few with such training opportunities. Other support for outstanding students includes nonresident tuition waivers and campus fellowship funds. Some federal public health traineeships are available to support U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Through the Health Career Opportunity Program, the University has special scholarship funds to support minority students who have high potential for graduate study.

**Work study and other need based support**

Apply directly to campus.

**Health, Safety & Security**

Student Health Services (SHS) is an outpatient clinic designed especially for UCLA students. Current registration card and photo ID is required for service since the service is supported by registration fees. Students may be seen by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Please note that most services are pre-paid by registration fees, but not all. Please contact SHS more detail and for the
most up-to-date information visit their web site is http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu. For an appointment call (310) 825-4073 (option 1 and again 1) or via our online Appointment Request: https://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/webappt/request.asp. SHS is located at the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, formerly the Plaza Building, immediately adjacent to the Wooden Center.

The UCLA Police Department provides FREE ESCORT SERVICE every day of the year from dusk until 1:00 a.m. Uniformed escorts - specially trained UCLA students employed by the UCLA Police Department - are available to walk students, faculty and staff members between campus buildings and local living areas or Westwood Village. To obtain an escort, call 794-WALK about 15-20 minutes before you need one. For more information go to:

http://www.ucpd.ucla.edu/ucpd/services_escort.html

Free Evening Van Service is provided for a safe and convenient mode of transportation around campus at night Monday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to midnight. For a map of the van routes, go to: http://www.ucpd.ucla.edu/ucpd/cso/vanroutes2.htm. For more information or a free brochure, call (310) 825-9800 or if on campus dial x 5-9800.

Phone Numbers:
EMERGENCY 911
Emergency Information Hotline (800) 900-UCLA
UCLA Police Department (24 hours) (310) 825-1491
UCLA Emergency Room (310) 825-2111
Environmental, Health & Safety (310) 825-5689
Campus Escort Service (dusk to 1am) (310) 794-WALK or 825-1493
Peer Helpline (Mon-Thurs 5pm to midnight & Fri-Sun 8pm to midnight) (310) 825-HELP
UCLA Emergency Radio AM 810

For more information please see to the UCLA General Catalog 2001-2003 or the UCLA web site at http://www.ucla.edu

Lockers

Lockers within the School of Public Health (on the A-level, and from 2nd through 7th floors) are available to all Public Health Students. Please refer to the locker assignment handout in your orientation folder for the policy and procedure.

A limited number of lockers are available within the Department of Biostatistics, see Carol Yasutomi in room 51-254 CHS for further details. Lockers are assigned on a first come basis.

Parking Information (for Students)

To obtain quarterly deadline dates and information on how to apply for a parking permit, go to http://www.transportation.ucla.edu/parking/sparkinf.htm or phone Parking & Commuter Service at (310) 825-9871, or in person at 555 Westwood Plaza.

Student Life

There are lots of ways to enrich your time at UCLA. There are many different cultures represented on campus, in the School, and in the Department. Explore these. The School has an active student
association, the Public Health Student Association (PHSA). This is a good way of learning about other Departments, and that they have many of the same concerns that we do.

The Department has three big social events each year. Early in the Fall Quarter, the Faculty sponsored a Welcome-to-UCLA party at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on campus. This is a good way to come and meet your fellow students, faculty and families. We have a pot-luck Holiday Party in which everyone brings food to share. This is held just before or the Friday of the final exams of the Fall quarter. In late May or early June, a student-organized spring picnic is held. It's a celebration of a good year (we hope) coming to an end. We very much want you to come to these parties - it lets all of us get to know each other in a less formal atmosphere.

After several years of absences, the Department is also looking to re-start our beach volleyball group. Interested students should contact Dr. Steve Horvath at shorvath@mednet.ucla.edu.

The School of Public Health is looking for student representatives to serve on various school-wide and departmental committees. If you are interest, please contact Dr. Cumberland by email (wgc@ucla.edu).

The Graduate Students Association of UCLA is the graduate student government for the nearly 10,000 graduate and professional students at the University of California, Los Angeles. GSA provides services and programs for UCLA graduate and professional students, and represents those students in administrative, campus, and statewide affairs. Every graduate or professional student at UCLA is automatically a member of the Graduate Students Association. In part, this means that $16.50 of each graduate or professional student's quarterly fees goes to GSA. These funds are used to provide programs and services for graduate and professional students at UCLA. There are many opportunities for participating in GSA-related activity, including departmental graduate representation, councils, forum, or running for one of the three GSA officer positions elected every Spring quarter. Some representative appointments include stipends. For more information go to http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/ or call (310) 206-8512.

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**The faculty and staff are here to assist you.**