

# Cover Sheet: Request 15277

## BA Statistics - Add course options

### Info

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### Actions

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## Responses

**Major Name** Statistics

**Major Code** STA

**Degree Program Name** Statistics B.A.

**Undergraduate Innovation Academy Program** No

**Effective Term** Earliest Available

**Effective Year** Earliest Available

**Current Curriculum for Major** Current curriculum can be found on current catalog entry:

[https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/STA\\_BA\\_BS/STA\\_BA/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/STA_BA_BS/STA_BA/)

**Proposed Curriculum Changes** New courses have been developed and are to be added in the pool of courses

(1) Add MAS 4115 as an option for core and as an option for Math and Science Elective.

(2) MAS 4105 and MAS 4115 cannot be used for Core and for Math and Science Elective.

(3) Add STA 3100 as option for Programming Elective - also true for STA B.S.

(4) Add STA 4241 and STA 4273 as options for Statistics Electives - also true for STA B.S.

**UF Online Curriculum Change** No

**Pedagogical Rationale/Justification** Four (4) new courses have been developed, one (1) from the Department of Mathematics: MAS 4115; and three (3) from Department of Statistics, STA 3100, STA 4241, STA 4273; providing additional optional courses for students.

**Impact on Enrollment, Retention, Graduation** None. The additional courses are purely optional, added to the pool of possible courses.

**Assessment Data Review** Student exit survey responses for graduating seniors #1 recommendation, for the past 6 years, has been for larger offering of more programming and computational courses.

**Academic Learning Compact and Academic Assessment Plan** (1) STA 3100 introduces SLO 1, and 2.

(2) STA 4241 and 4273 reinforces SLO 1, 2, and 3.

**Catalog Copy** Yes

# Bachelor of Arts

Statistics, the science of learning from data, has become increasingly important as scientists, businesses, and governments rely more and more on data-driven decision-making. Statisticians work in many areas, including business, economics, medicine, epidemiology, agriculture, environmental sciences, sports, and all aspects of government. With the increasing digitization and networking of society, data have become ever more ubiquitous, further expanding the demand for statisticians and their expertise in the collection and analysis of data.

*To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.*

The mission of the Department of Statistics is to provide its students with a fundamental understanding of statistical reasoning and methodology, to train them to apply this knowledge to the collection and analysis of data, and to prepare them for careers in a highly technological society in which science and decision-making are increasingly driven by a rapid expansion in the quantity and availability of data.

Statistics majors learn how to design studies that effectively address the purpose of a research project and how to properly analyze the data collected in such studies. Core courses cover statistical methods applicable in a wide variety of settings (e.g., regression and design of experiments) as well as the conceptual and mathematical foundations of statistics. Other courses explore specific data types often encountered in practical settings. Statistics majors have the option to minor in actuarial science, a profession involving the statistical and financial practices of insurance.

Students who wish to major in statistics must consult a department advisor early in their programs.

## Coursework for the Major

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts in statistics.

### Bachelor of Arts

Intended for students who wish to pursue a career in the field of statistics or to teach statistics at the secondary-school level, but who do not currently contemplate graduate study in statistics.

### Bachelor of Science

Intended for students who wish to pursue graduate study in statistics or a closely related area, and for other strong students with a deeper interest in the mathematical foundations of statistics.

### Required Coursework for Both Degrees

The B.A. in statistics requires a minimum of 42 credits in statistics and related coursework. The B.S. in statistics requires a minimum of 49 credits in statistics and related coursework. It is important that the prerequisites of each class are met before the class is attempted.

Students must receive minimum grades of C within two attempts (including withdrawals) in every required core course and in every course counted toward the 12 credit elective requirement, with the exception of [MAC 2312](#) and [MAC 2313](#) where students must receive a minimum grade of B-. Students cannot retake core or statistics elective courses after earning a minimum grade of C, with the exception of [MAC 2312](#) and [MAC 2313](#), in which students must receive a minimum grade of B-. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be achieved on all attempts of core and major elective courses and 2.67 on [MAC 2312](#) and [MAC 2313](#). The grades from all attempts to satisfy core requirements will be used to compute the minimum GPA. A minimum of 18 credits of major coursework must be taken at UF, including a minimum of 12 credits of core coursework.

#### Course List

Code	Title	Credits
Core Select one:		12
<a href="#">MAC 2311</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1	
†& <a href="#">MAC 2312</a>	†and Analytic Geometry and Calculus 2	
†& <a href="#">MAC 2313</a>	†and Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3	
<a href="#">MAC 3472</a>	Honors Calculus 1	
†& <a href="#">MAC 3473</a>	†and Honors Calculus 2	
†& <a href="#">MAC 3474</a>	†and Honors Calculus 3	
<a href="#">STA 4210</a>	Regression Analysis 1	3
<a href="#">STA 4211</a>	Design of Experiments 1,2,4	3

<a href="#">STA 4321</a>	Introduction to Probability 1	3
<a href="#">STA 4322</a>	Introduction to Statistics Theory 1,3	3
<a href="#">STA 4504</a>	Categorical Data Analysis	3
Statistics Electives Select two:		6
<a href="#">STA 4222</a>	Sample Survey Design	
STA 4241	Statistical Learning in R	
STA 4273	Statistical Computing in R	
<a href="#">STA 4502</a>	Nonparametric Statistical Methods	
<a href="#">STA 4702</a>	Multivariate Statistical Methods	
<a href="#">STA 4712</a>	Introduction to Survival Analysis	
<a href="#">STA 4821</a>	Stochastic Processes	
<a href="#">STA 4853</a>	Introduction to Time Series and Forecasting	
<a href="#">STA 4930</a>	Special Topics	
Total Credits		33

The course sequences, [STA 4210](#) - [STA 4211](#) and [STA 4321](#) - [STA 4322](#) should be completed by the end of the junior year.

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Prerequisite: [STA 4210](#) .

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Prerequisite: [STA 4321](#) .

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Students pursuing the major must enroll in the restricted to STA majors only section of [STA 4211](#) .

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The B.A. is intended for students who wish to pursue a career in the field of statistics or to teach statistics at the secondary-school level, but who do not currently contemplate graduate study in statistics.

### Additional Required Coursework for B.A.

Code	Course List Title	Credits
Core		
<a href="#">MAS 3114</a>	Computational Linear Algebra Linear Algebra 1	3-4
or MAS 4105	1	
	Linear Algebra for Data Science	
or MAS 4115	1	
Programming Elective		
Select one of the following:		3
<a href="#">COP 2271</a>	Computer Programming for Engineers	
†& <a href="#">2271L</a>	†and Computer Programming for Engineers Laboratory	
<a href="#">COP 2800</a>	Computer Programming Using JAVA	
<a href="#">COP 3275</a>	Computer Programming Using C	
<a href="#">COP 3502</a>	Programming Fundamentals 1	
STA 3100	Programming with Data	
Math and Science Elective		
Select one of the following:		3-4
<a href="#">COT 4501</a>	Numerical Analysis: a Computational Approach	
<a href="#">ESI 3312</a>	Operations Research 1	
<a href="#">MAA 4102</a>	Introduction to Advanced Calculus for Engineers and Physical Scientists 1	
<a href="#">MAA 4211</a>	Advanced Calculus 1	
<a href="#">MAA 4402</a>	Functions of a Complex Variable	
<a href="#">MAD 4401</a>	Introduction to Numerical Analysis	
<a href="#">MAS 4105</a>	Linear Algebra 1	
MAS 4115	Linear Algebra for Data Science	
<a href="#">MHF 4102</a>	Elements of Set Theory	
Total Credits		9-11

Cannot be used for Core and for Math and Science elective.

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Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for progress toward each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

**For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: [Structure of a CLAS Degree](#) .**

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida [Common Course Prerequisites](#) may be used for transfer students.

## Semester 1

- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 2

- Complete [MAC 1147](#) or higher-level calculus
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 3

- Complete [MAC 2311](#)
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 4

- Complete [MAC 2312](#) with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 5

- Complete [MAC 2313](#) and a programming elective or any STA course with a  
↑ 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 6

- Complete Programming elective and [MAS 3114](#) and [STA 4210](#) and [STA 4321](#)
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 7

- Complete [STA 4211](#) and [STA 4322](#)
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 8

- Complete [STA 4504](#) and all remaining Statistics and Math and Sciences electives
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H, or S).

[MAC 2312](#) , [MAC 2313](#) , [MAS 4105](#) , and the math elective count towards 3000 level or above electives outside of the major.

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

*This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.*

Plan of Study Grid		
	<b>Semester One</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<a href="#">MAC 2311</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics )	4
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)		3
<a href="#">State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences</a>		3
<a href="#">State Core Gen Ed Composition</a> ; Writing Requirement		3
Science laboratory (Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences)		1
	Credits	14

	<b>Semester Two</b>	
<a href="#">MAC 2312</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	4
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences (area <b>not</b> taken in semester one)		3
Elective		3
<a href="#">State Core Gen Ed Humanities</a>		3
<a href="#">State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences</a>		3
	Credits	16
	<b>Semester Three</b>	
<a href="#">MAC 2313</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	4
Select one:		3
<a href="#">STA 2023</a>	Introduction to Statistics 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	
<a href="#">STA 3032</a>	Engineering Statistics ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	
Foreign language		4-5
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
	Credits	14-15
	<b>Semester Four</b>	
<a href="#">MAS 3114</a>	Computational Linear Algebra ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Elective (needed if placed out of language with SAT II)		3
Foreign language		3-5
Gen Ed Humanities		3
Programming elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
	Credits	15-17
	<b>Semester Five</b>	
<a href="#">STA 4210</a>	Regression Analysis ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	3
<a href="#">STA 4321</a>	Introduction to Probability ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	3
Elective or foreign language if 4-3-3 option		3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences		3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
	Credits	15
	<b>Semester Six</b>	
<a href="#">STA 4211</a>	Design of Experiments ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
<a href="#">STA 4322</a>	Introduction to Statistics Theory ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; Gen Ed Mathematics )	3
<a href="#">STA 4504</a>	Categorical Data Analysis ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Gen Ed Biological Sciences		3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement		3
	Credits	15
	<b>Semester Seven</b>	
STA elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)		7
Electives		6
	Credits	16
	<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Math science elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
STA elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )		3
Electives		9
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	120

The statistics major enables students to achieve proficiency in the fundamentals of statistical reasoning. Through study of both theoretical and applied statistics and through data analysis projects, students will gain knowledge in problem solving, statistical applications and data-based inferences. Emphasis is on developing the ability to approach real world problems and through the use of statistical methods to be able to analyze and to draw valid scientific inferences.

## Before Graduating Students Must

- Complete an exam on the fundamentals of statistics, which will be 5% of your grade in [STA 4211](#) .
- Complete a data analysis project, which will be 10% of your grade in [STA 4211](#) .

- Complete requirements for the bachelors degree, as determined by faculty.

- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

## Students in the Major Will Learn to

### Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

#### Content

1. Identify, define and describe concepts and issues in statistics, including those involved in designing a statistical study, in statistical estimation and in tests of hypotheses.

#### Critical Thinking

2. Identify sources of variability in a given problem setting and formulate an appropriate statistical analysis.

#### Communication

3. Clearly and effectively present ideas in speech and in writing concerning statistical issues and analyses of data.

### Curriculum Map

*I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed*

Courses	Academic Learning Compact 3		
	SLO 1	SLO 2	SLO 3
STA 3100	I	I	
<a href="#">STA 4210</a>	I		I
<a href="#">STA 4211</a>	A	A	A
<a href="#">STA 4222</a>	R	R	R
STA 42 41	R	R	R
STA 4273	R	R	R
<a href="#">STA 4321</a>	I		
<a href="#">STA 4322</a>	I		
<a href="#">STA 4502</a>	R	R	R
<a href="#">STA 4504</a>	R	R	R
<a href="#">STA 4702</a>	R	R	R
<a href="#">STA 4712</a>	R	R	R
<a href="#">STA 4853</a>	R	R	R

### Assessment Types

- Exams
- Projects
- Written and oral presentations