

Biostatistics 60 Credit Master's Degree Program Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Year of first enrollment in the masters program: _____

Instructions: Please type or print legibly. Return to the Department of Biostatistics, Building 2, Room 408 (or email to jtillots@hsph.harvard.edu before your advisor has signed the form - unless submitted on paper). This form should be submitted at least one semester prior to your expected graduation date.

The purpose of this form is to permit the Program Directors of the Master of Science in Biostatistics to verify that the degree requirements of the Department of Biostatistics are being met. Details of these requirements are given in the BIO-SM Graduate Student Handbook of the Department. Students are responsible for the requirements at the time they enter the program. Any exemption from or substitution for departmental requirements must be petitioned for and approved by the Program Directors.

Biostatistics 60 Credit Master's Core Courses: Please list all core courses that have been, or will be taken, or waived. Indicate the semester and year (*e.g.* F2020, S2021, SU2022, etc.) during which each of the courses was or will be taken and the grades for any completed courses. If a core course has been waived, please indicate this under Grade by entering a W. Requirements for total course hours and other information are found in Section 2.10 of https://content.sph.harvard.edu/biostats/publications/bio-sm_handbook/BIO-SM_handbook.pdf.

Course Number	Title	Credit Units	Grade	Semester/ Year
BST 210	Applied Regression Analysis	5		
BST 222	Basics of Statistical Inference	5		
BST 223	Applied Survival Analysis	5		
BST 226	Applied Longitudinal Analysis	5		

Total Credits: _____

In addition, students select a minimum of 15 credits of intermediate or advanced ordinally graded courses in Biostatistics to round out their program. At least 10 of these credits should have a BST prefix and at most 5 of these credits can come from relevant courses in computer science, risk and decision sciences, statistics, or quantitative epidemiology, with the approval of the Program Directors. If you need cross-registration credit conversion, see: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/r-o-student-knowledge-center/>. Students are advised to consult with Program Directors prior to enrolling in the courses in question. ((Please leave the grade blank if course is in progress.))

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Epidemiology Requirement: The School of Public Health requires that Master's students must successfully pass one Epidemiology course. The Department requires that EPI 201 be taken to satisfy this requirement. Ordinarily, this is taken during the first semester in residence. Indicate the year _____ during which you have/will have taken EPI 201.

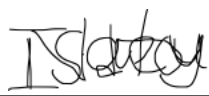
Research Ethics Requirement: Students must satisfy a research ethics requirement by completing a course in responsible conduct of research or by completing an online training course during the first year in the program. Indicate the year _____ during which you have/will have taken or received a certificate for the Research Ethics course or its approved equivalent.

Thesis Requirements: An SM60 student must complete a 10-20 credit ordinaly graded Master's Thesis and Collaborative Research Practicum (BST 325), usually commenced after the required course work has been completed. This will typically involve data analysis and/or methodology for a research project under the direction of one or more mentors. The student selects three thesis committee members, one of which serves as primary research mentor(s). At least one committee member, or the primary research mentor is an SM BIO Program Director(s), so that the student has a consistent presence of faculty leadership from our department involved in the work, in addition to faculty/professionals outside the department. The project could be supervised primarily by a faculty member in Biostatistics, or co-supervised by a doctoral-level investigator (at Harvard or elsewhere) and a faculty member in Biostatistics (see section 2.10.2 of your handbook). Indicate here when you started the process (nominating your committee, and signing up for BST 325) for your thesis completion: _____.

Thesis Advisor: Please enter the name of your thesis advisor(s): _____.

Note: Students must also satisfy the minimum number of ordinal credits required and maintain a cumulative average of 2.70 or above.

Required Signatures:

Student: _____  _____ Date: _____

Advisor Approval: _____ Date: _____

Program Director Approval: _____ Date: _____