M.S. in Statistical Science at Indiana University

FAQs

1) What are the GRE requirements for admission?

All graduate programs in the College require the GRE for admission. The minimum GRE scores recommended by the college are 152 verbal, 153 quantitative, and 4 analytical.

2) What is the TOEFL requirement for non-native English speakers and can it be waived?

We normally expect a minimum TOEFL score of 100 on the Internet-based test, but we’re able to make exceptions when there is substantial evidence of English ability. The graduate school requires a minimum TOEFL score of 79 (or minimum IELTS of 6.5) for admission.

The TOEFL requirement may be waived for a student who has received or will receive an undergraduate or graduate degree from a US institution before the start date of our program.

3) What are the backgrounds of recently admitted students?

Recently admitted students have undergraduate degrees in political science, sociology, computer science, psychology, mathematics, biology, and statistics. Many have taken a few semesters of statistics as well as calculus and introductory computer programming.

4) How long does the MSSS take to complete?

The MSSS consists of 31 total credit hours and takes two years (four semesters) to complete. Some of our courses must be taken in sequence so it is difficult to make it any shorter than that.

5) How many courses do students take each semester?

Students generally take 2-3 courses per semester.

6) How much will it cost to complete the MSSS degree?

One graduate credit hour for a non-resident (as of Fall 2019) is $1,330.51. Based on these rates, the cost for 31-credit-hours is $41,245.81. The mandatory fees (technology, transportation, student health, activity, repair & rehab) total $686.03 per semester. You can find current tuition rates here:

Cost of IU
7) What type of financial assistance is available for master’s students?

Admission to the master’s program does not come with a guarantee of financial assistance; however, the department has high demand for graduate teaching assistants, especially in the spring semester. We are often able to hire many of our master’s students to meet this need.

There are opportunities for different sources of funding on campus, both during the regular school year and in the summer. The IU GradGrants Center is a helpful tool for locating available funding on campus.

8) What career services are available for graduate students?

The College of Arts and Sciences career service center is the Walter Center for Career Achievement.

Our graduate students also have access to School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering (SICE) Career Services.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek an internship for the summer after their first year. There are many career fairs that take place on campus in the fall that help students locate suitable summer internship positions. We also have several contacts who send information about internship opportunities throughout the year, which we pass on to our students.

9) What types of jobs have MSSS students found after graduation?

Our students have received internships and jobs in various areas within statistics and data science. Some of the companies and positions in which our students have been placed are listed below.

Statistical Research Associate @ Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Quality Engineer @ Cook Medical
Data Engineer @ Tencent
Data Scientist @ General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Uber
Statistician @ US Bureau of Labor Statistics
Actuarial Analyst @ State Farm Insurance
Data Modeling Analyst @ Experian
Biostatistician @ Covance
Data Analysts @ Megaputer Intelligence, AgilOne, Collaborative Research Initiative
Senior Biostatistician @ Chiltern
Biostatistician @ Atrium Health-Levine Cancer Institute
Bioinformatics Analyst @ Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Statistician @ U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Curation Strategist @ GroupBy Inc.