# Statistics and Analytics (STAN)

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**Degree Conferred:**  
M.S. (STANMS)

**Program Description:** The Graduate Certificate and M.S. degree in Statistics and Analytics are cross-college interdisciplinary programs that build on the university's current strengths in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Business; Education and Health Professions; and Engineering. Students may choose one of six concentrations: Statistics; Biological Analytics; Business Analytics; Operations Analytics; Computational Analytics; Educational Statistics & Psychometrics; or Quantitative Social Sciences.

**Primary Areas of Faculty Research:** Statistics and statistical analysis and design methodologies in business analytics, operations analytics, computational analytics, educational statistics and social science research.

**Admission to the Master’s Program:** In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, applicants for admission to the M.S. program in Statistics and Analytics must submit a) three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's previous academic and professional performance and b) official test scores as specified for the applicant's area of interest.

## M.S. in Statistics and Analytics with Concentration in Biological Analytics

**Requirements for the Master of Science (M.S.) Degree**

Requirements for the master's degree are fulfilled through one of seven concentrations. Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees ([http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreestext](http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreestext)).

### Requirements for Concentration in Biological Analytics

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**Core**

Requirements include one course from each of these areas as approved by the student’s advisory committee: Statistical Methods, Regression Analysis, Multivariate Analysis, Experimental Design

**Required Courses**

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<td>CSCE 5013</td>
<td>Advanced Special Topics in Computer Science or Computer Engineering (taken as introduction to cluster computing)</td>
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<td>BIOL 5153</td>
<td>Practical Programming for Biologists</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISYS 5723</td>
<td>Advanced Multivariate Analysis</td>
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Choose from one of the following options:  
9 additional hours of electives  
3 hours of electives, 6 hours of thesis credit, and submission of an acceptable thesis  
Written comprehensive exam (non-thesis) or defense of the thesis

**Total Hours:** 30

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### Requirements for Concentration in Business Analytics

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<td>ISYS 5843</td>
<td>Seminar in Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management</td>
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9 hours of electives  
3 hours of electives and 6 hours of thesis credit and submission of an acceptable thesis  
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### Requirements for a Concentration in Computational Analytics

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Two of the following:  
3 hours of electives, 6 hours of thesis credit, and submission of an acceptable thesis  
Written comprehensive exam (non-thesis) or defense of the thesis

**Total Hours:** 30
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Requirements for Concentration in Educational Statistics and Psychometrics

Undergraduate Deficiencies

- MATH 2554  Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)
- MATH 3083  Linear Algebra

Core

Requirements include one course from each of these areas as approved by the student’s advisory committee: Statistical Methods, Regression Analysis, Multivariate Analysis, Experimental Design

Required Courses

- ESRM 5013  Research Methods in Education 3
- ESRM 6653  Measurement and Evaluation 3
- ESRM 6753  Item Response Theory 3

Choose one of the following options:

- 9 hours of electives as approved by the student’s advisory committee
- 3 hours of electives, 6 hours of thesis credit, and submission of an acceptable thesis

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Requirements for Concentration in Operations Analytics

Undergraduate Deficiencies

- MATH 2554  Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)
- MATH 3083  Linear Algebra
- STAT 3013  Introduction to Probability

Core

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Required Courses

- INEG 5613  Introduction to Optimization Theory 3
- INEG 5803  Simulation 3

One of the following:

- ISYS 5843  Seminar in Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management
- CSCE 5073  Data Mining

Choose one of the following options:

- 9 hours of electives
- 3 hours of electives, 6 hours of thesis credit and submission of an acceptable thesis

Written comprehensive exam (non-thesis) or defense of the thesis

Total Hours 30

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Requirements for Concentration in Quantitative Social Science

Undergraduate Deficiencies

- MATH 2554  Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)
- MATH 3083  Linear Algebra
- STAT 3013  Introduction to Probability

Core

Requirements include one course from each of these areas as approved by the student’s advisory committee: Statistical Methods, Regression Analysis, Multivariate Analysis, Experimental Design.

Required Courses

- ISYS 5723  Advanced Multivariate Analysis 3
- ECON 5753  Forecasting 3
- ECON 6623  Econometrics II 3
- ECON 6633  Econometrics III 3

Choose one of the following options:

- 6 hours of electives to include two of the following: cost benefit analysis; GIS and spatial analysis; multilevel modeling; social network analysis
- 6 hours of thesis credit and submission of an acceptable thesis

Written comprehensive exam (non-thesis) or defense of the thesis

Total Hours 30

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Requirements for Concentration in Statistics

Undergraduate Deficiencies

- MATH 2564  Calculus II (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2505)
- MATH 3083  Linear Algebra

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- MATH 2564  Calculus II (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2505)
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CSCE 2014 Programming Foundations II

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<td>Statistical Inference</td>
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<td>STAT 5333</td>
<td>Analysis of Categorical Responses</td>
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<td>STAT 5443</td>
<td>Computational Statistics</td>
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Choose one of the following options:
- 6 hours of electives
- 6 hours of thesis credit and submission of acceptable thesis

Written comprehensive exam (non-thesis) or defense of thesis

Total Hours 30

Graduate Faculty

Aloysius, John, Ph.D. (Temple University), B.S. (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka), Professor, J.B. Hunt Transport Department of Supply Chain Management, Oren Harris Chair in Logistics, 1995, 2017.

Arnold, Mark E., Ph.D., B.S. (Northern Illinois University), A.S. (Rock Valley College), Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 1993, 1999.

Beaulieu, Jeremy M., Ph.D. (Yale University), M.S., B.S. (California Polytechnic State University), Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2016, 2021.

Bridges, Ana Julia, Ph.D. (University of Rhode Island), M.S. (Indiana State University), B.S. (University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign), Professor, Department of Psychological Science, 2007, 2019.

Cassady, Richard, Ph.D., M.S.I.S.E., B.S.I.S.E. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University), University Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2000, 2019.

Chakraborty, Avishek, Ph.D (Duke University), M.S., B.S. (Indian Statistical Institute), Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2014, 2020.

Chimka, Justin Robert, Ph.D., M.S.I.E., B.S.I.E. (University of Pittsburgh), Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2002, 2009.

Cothren, Jackson David, Ph.D., M.S. (The Ohio State University), B.S. (United States Air Force Academy), Professor, Department of Geosciences, Leica Geosystems Chair in Geospatial Imaging, 2004, 2020.

Covington, Matthew D., Ph.D. (University of California-Santa Cruz), B.A. (University of Arkansas), Associate Professor, Department of Geosciences, 2012, 2018.

Cronan, Timothy P., Ph.D. (Louisiana Tech University), M.S. (South Dakota State University), B.S. (University of Southwestern Louisiana), Professor, Department of Information Systems, M.D. Matthews Endowed Chair in Information Systems, 1979.

Douglas, Marlis R., Ph.D., M.S., B.S. (University of Zurich), Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Bruker Life Sciences Chair, 2012.

Douglas, Michael Edward, Ph.D. (University of Georgia), M.S., B.S. (University of Louisville), Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 21st Century Chair in Global Change Biology, 2011.

Feng, Song, Ph.D., M.S. (Chinese Academy of Sciences), B.S. (Yunnan University), Associate Professor, Department of Geosciences, 2013, 2018.


Fitzpatrick, Kevin M., Ph.D. (State University of New York at New Paltz), M.A. (University of South Carolina at Columbia), B.S. (Susquehanna University), University Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Bernice Jones Chair in Community, 2005, 2014.

Freeze, Ron, Ph.D. (Arizona State University), M.B.A. (University of Missouri—Kansas City), B.S. (General Motors Institute), Clinical Professor, Department of Information Systems, 2015, 2021.

Gaduh, Arya, Ph.D. (University of Southern California), M.Phil. (Cambridge University), B.A. (University of California-Berkeley), Associate Professor, Department of Economics, 2013, 2019.

Gauch, Susan E., Ph.D. (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), M.Sc., B.Sc. (Queen’s University, Canada), Professor, Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, 2007.

Gburi, Edward E., Ph.D., M.S. (The Ohio State University), B.S. (Saint Francis University), Professor, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, 1987, 1998.

Gu, Jingping, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University), M.A. (Peking University), B.A. (Renmin University of China, Beijing), Associate Professor, Department of Economics, 2008, 2014.

Harris, Casey Taggart, Ph.D., M.A. (Pennsylvania State University), B.S. (Texas A&M University), Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2011, 2023.

Johnson, Jon, Ph.D. (Indiana University at Bloomington), M.B.A., B.S. (University of Arkansas), Professor, Department of Strategic Entrepreneurship and Venture Innovation, Walton College Professorship in Sustainability, 1996, 2007.

Levine, William H., Ph.D., M.S. (State University of New York at Binghamton), B.S. (DePaul University), Associate Professor, Department of Psychological Science, 2001, 2007.

Lo, Wen-Juo, Ph.D., M.A. (Arizona State University), B.S. (SooChow University), Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resource and Communication Disorders, 2008, 2014.

Mauroumoustakos, Andy, Ph.D., M.S. (Oklahoma State University), B.S. (Oral Roberts University), Professor, Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, 1989, 2002.

Mittell, Joshua Lee, Ph.D. (Southern Illinois University), M.P.A., B.S. (Murray State University), Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010, 2019.

Mulllins, Jeff, Ph.D., M.A., B.S. (University of Arkansas), Assistant Professor, Department of Information Systems, 2006, 2018.

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Parnell, Gregory S., Ph.D. (Stanford University), M.S. (University of Southern California), M.E.I.S.E. (University of Florida), B.S. (University of New York at Buffalo), Professor of Practice, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2013.

Petris, Giovanni, Ph.D., M.S. (Duke University), B.S. (Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy), Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 1999, 2015.


Rainwater, Chase E., Ph.D. (University of Florida), B.S.I.E. (University of Arkansas), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2009, 2021.
Rosetti, Manuel D., Ph.D., P.E., M.S.I.E. (The Ohio State University), B.S.I.E. (University of Cincinnati), University Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 1999, 2022.


Song, Geoboo, Ph.D. (University of Oklahoma), B.A. (Korea University), B.A. (Hanyang University), Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012, 2019.

Stenken, Julie A., Ph.D. (University of Kansas), B.S. (University of Akron), Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 21st Century Chair of Proteomics, 2007.

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Turner, Ronna L., Ph.D. (University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign), M.S.E. (Missouri State University), B.S.E. (Southwest Missouri State University), Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 1997, 2018.

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Zhang, Shengfan, Ph.D., M.I.E. (North Carolina State University), B.M. (Fudan University, Shanghai), Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, John L. Imhoff Chair in Industrial Engineering, 2011, 2020.