Biostatistics

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Graduate degrees: MS in biostatistics; PhD in biostatistics

Graduate certificate: biostatistics

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Biostatistics Courses

BIOS:4110 General Biostatistics 3 s.h.
Biostatistics and biostatistical computation; biostatistical aspects of health-related problems; clinical trials; statistical issues in big data problems; disease modeling; disease mapping; genetics and epidemiology; brief introduction to survival and longitudinal analyses.

BIOS:4120 Introduction to Biostatistics 3 s.h.
Application of statistical techniques to biological data including descriptive statistics, probability and distributions, sampling distributions, nonparametric methods, hypothesis tests, confidence intervals, analysis of categorical data, and simple linear regression; designed for non-biostatistics majors and MPH students.

Requirements: college algebra or ALEKS score of 65% or higher.

BIOS:4510 Data Science Foundations in R 2 s.h.
Introduction to use of R tools for data wrangling and communication tasks commonly encountered in biostatistics; topics include preparation and manipulation of analytic datasets, data visualization, tabular summaries, and reporting. Offered spring semesters.

BIOS:5120 Regression Modeling and ANOVA in the Health Sciences 3 s.h.
Continuation of BIOS:4120; correlation, simple and multiple linear regression, confounding, interactions, model selection, single and multiple factor ANOVA (analysis of variance) models, contrasts, multiple comparisons, nested and block designs; introduction to mixed models; for non-biostatistics majors. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: BIOS:4120. Same as IGPI:5120, STAT:5610.

BIOS:5130 Applied Categorical Data Analysis 3 s.h.
Analysis of proportions, risk measures, and measures of association; Mantel-Haenszel method; logistic regression for binary responses and for matched data; logistic regression for multi-category responses; analysis of count data (Poisson regression and negative binomial regression); analysis of clustered data (generalized estimating equations and generalized linear mixed effects models); special topics include the application of propensity score methods; designed for non-biostatistics majors. Offered fall semesters.

Prerequisites: BIOS:5120. Same as IGPI:5130.

BIOS:5310 Research Data Management 3 s.h.
Introduction to data management techniques and problems encountered in gathering and processing data from biomedical investigations; introduction to SAS, techniques taught in SAS; designed for non-biostatistics majors. Offered fall and spring semesters. Recommendations: prior programming experience with C, C++, Python, Java, or other. Same as IGPI:5310, STAT:5810.

BIOS:5510 Biostatistical Computing 2 s.h.
Introduction to computer programming using SAS and R statistical software packages; programming language syntax, constructs, procedures, and techniques for data management, data analysis, and statistical programming commonly encountered in biostatistics; designed for first-year biostatistics majors. Offered fall semesters.

Corequisites: BIOS:5710. Same as IGPI:5510.

BIOS:5710 Biostatistical Methods I 4 s.h.
Probability distributions, moments, estimation, parametric and nonparametric inference for one-sample and two-sample problems, analysis of frequency data; emphasis on use of computers; designed for first-year biostatistics majors. Offered fall semesters.

Requirements: two semesters of calculus. Same as IGPI:5710.

BIOS:5720 Biostatistical Methods II 4 s.h.
Continuation of BIOS:5710; multi-factor ANOVA (analysis of variance), multiple comparisons, orthogonal contrasts, linear regression and correlation, regression diagnostics and remedial measures, model selection, and mixed models; designed for first-year biostatistics majors. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: BIOS:5710. Requirements: one semester of linear algebra. Same as IGPI:5720.

BIOS:5730 Biostatistical Methods in Categorical Data 3 s.h.
Estimation of proportions, rates, risks, relative risks, and odds ratios; Mantel-Haenszel method; logistic regression (including ordinal logistic regression and multi-category nominal logistic regression); Poisson regression and negative binomial regression; methods for correlated or clustered data (conditional logistic regression, generalized estimating equations, and mixed effects models); special topics include an introduction to generalized linear models and likelihood-based inferential techniques in this framework; designed for first-year biostatistics majors. Offered spring semesters.


BIOS:6210 Applied Survival Analysis 3 s.h.
Nonparametric, parametric, and semi-parametric methods for time-to-event data; types of censoring; Kaplan-Meier estimation; Cox proportional hazards models, including methods for assessing adequacy of the proportional hazards assumption; time varying covariates; sample size calculations for comparison of two or more groups; focus on analysis of real data sets and examples using statistical software. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: BIOS:5120 or BIOS:5720. Same as IGPI:6210.

BIOS:6234 Basic Biostatistical Methods with Genetics Applications 1 s.h.
Introduction to terminology, fundamental concepts, and methods of biostatistics as applied to genetic research; genetic investigation examples used to illustrate statistical approaches. Same as GENE:6234.

BIOS:6310 Introductory Longitudinal Data Analysis 3 s.h.
Introduction to statistical models and estimation methods for outcome variables (normal and non-normal) clustered or measured repeatedly in time or space; focus on applications and computer software methods for ANOVA based methods, hierarchical linear models, linear mixed models, correlated regression models, generalized estimating equations, and generalized linear mixed models. Offered fall semesters.

Prerequisites: BIOS:5120 or STAT:3200. Same as IGPI:6310, STAT:6550.

BIOS:6420 Survey Design and Analysis 3 s.h.
Methodological issues regarding design, sampling approach, implementation, analysis, and interpretation of surveys and questionnaires in public health research. Offered spring semesters of even years.

Prerequisites: EPID:4400 and BIOS:5120. Same as EPID:6420.
BIOS:6610 Statistical Methods in Clinical Trials 3 s.h.
Survey of statistical methods commonly used in clinical trials; primary
focus on methodologic perspective for the design, conduct, analysis,
and interpretation of all phases of clinical trials; logistical and
operational aspects of conducting multisite clinical trials; designed
for biostatistics majors. Offered spring semesters. Prerequisites:
BIOS:5720. Requirements: familiarity with SAS and R programming.
Same as IGPI:6610.

BIOS:6650 Causal Inference 3 s.h.
Causal inference overview, emphasis on inference in observational
research; conceptual issues (e.g., counterfactuals, causal graphs, time-
varying treatments/confounding), methods (e.g., inverse probability
weighting, doubly robust estimators), and related applications (e.g.,
causal mediation analysis, quantitative bias analysis); for advanced
biostatistics or epidemiology students. Prerequisites: (BIOS:5720 and
BIOS:5730) or (EPID:6400 and EPID:5241 and EPID:5610). Same as
EPID:6655. IGPI:6650.

BIOS:6720 Statistical Machine Learning for Biomedical and
Public Health Data 3 s.h.
Statistical machine learning techniques for analysis of biomedical
and public health data; methodology and application of unsupervised
learning, supervised learning for regression and classification,
ensemble learning, model assessment, feature selection, and high-
dimensional inference. Prerequisites: BIOS:5510 and BIOS:5720
and (STAT:4100 and STAT:4101) or (STAT:5100 and STAT:5101).
Requirements: BIOS:5510 with topic of programming with R.

BIOS:6810 Bayesian Methods and Design 3 s.h.
Theory and application of Bayesian methods in biomedical research;
foundations of Bayesian statistics including decision theory, study
design, model development, inference and implementation of
computational algorithms; designed for biostatistics majors. Offered
fall semesters of even years. Prerequisites: BIOS:5510 and BIOS:5720
and BIOS:5730 and STAT:4100 and STAT:4101.

BIOS:7110 Likelihood Theory and Extensions 4 s.h.
Theoretical foundations of inferential methods based on likelihood
and its extensions (e.g., profile, conditional, partial, marginal,
pseudo likelihood). Prerequisites: (BIOS:5720 and STAT:5100 and
STAT:5101) or (STAT:4100 and STAT:4101).

BIOS:7210 Survival Data Analysis 3 s.h.
Types of censoring and truncation; survival function estimation;
parametric inference using exponential, Weibull, and accelerated
failure time models; nonparametric tests; sample size calculation;
Cox regression with stratification and time-dependent covariates;
regression diagnostics; competing risks; topics may include analysis
of correlated survival data and/or recurrent events; designed for
biostatistics and statistics majors. Offered fall semesters of odd years.
Prerequisites: BIOS:5720 and ((STAT:4100 and STAT:4101) or
(STAT:5100 and STAT:5101)). Same as IGPI:7210. STAT:7570.

BIOS:7230 Advanced Clinical Trials 3 s.h.
Modules that address advanced topics and issues encountered when
conducting a clinical trial; discussions of recent publications and
FDA guidance documents dealing with current topics in clinical
trials. Prerequisites: (STAT:4101 or STAT:5101) and BIOS:6610.
Requirements: familiarity with SAS and R programming.

BIOS:7240 High-Dimensional Data Analysis 3 s.h.
Analysis of high-dimensional data with emphasis on use of penalized
regression models such as lasso, elastic net, minimax concave
penalty (MCP), smoothly clipped absolute deviation (SCAD), and
group lasso; large-scale hypothesis testing and false discovery
rate estimation; inference for penalized likelihoods. Prerequisites:
(STAT:4100 and STAT:4101) or (STAT:5100 and STAT:5101) and
BIOS:5510 and BIOS:5720. Requirements: BIOS:5510 with section
subtitle of programming with R.

BIOS:7250 Theory of Linear and Generalized Linear Models 4 s.h.
Theoretical foundations of traditional linear models and generalized
linear models; emphasis on modeling structures, estimability and
identifiability, estimation and testing. Prerequisites: STAT:5100 and
STAT:5101 and BIOS:5720.

BIOS:7270 Scholarly Integrity in Biostatistics 1 s.h.
Responsible conduct of research training; emphasis on issues of
particular relevance to biostatisticians including authorship,
communication, student/mentor relationships, plagiarism, fabrication
and falsification of data, bias, Type I/II errors, reproducible research,
data confidentiality and security, conflicts of interest, and human/animal
subjects. Requirements: graduate standing in biostatistics.

BIOS:7310 Longitudinal Data Analysis 3 s.h.
Statistical models and estimation methods for outcome variables
(normal and non-normal) clustered or measured repeatedly in time
or space; includes ANOVA based methods, hierarchical linear
models, linear mixed models, error structures, generalized estimating
equations, and generalized linear mixed models; may include
Bayesian approaches; designed for biostatistics and statistics majors.
Offered spring semesters of odd years. Prerequisites: (BIOS:5720 and
STAT:4100 and STAT:4101) or (STAT:5100 and STAT:5101). Same as
IGPI:7310.

BIOS:7330 Advanced Biostatistical Computing 3 s.h.
Advanced topics in biostatistical computing and large or complicated
data/models; matrix decomposition, optimization, Bayesian
computing, parallel programming, working with campus high
performance computing (HPC) resources; topics are explored in R,
including package development and efficient R code. Prerequisites:
MATH:2700 and BIOS:5510 and STAT:4101. Requirements:
BIOS:5510 with section subtitle of programming with R.

BIOS:7410 Analysis of Categorical Data 3 s.h.
Distributions and inference for categorical data; descriptive and
inferential methods for contingency tables; theory and application
of generalized linear models including methods for parameter
estimation and testing, model selection and assessment of model
adequacy; models for binary, count, and multi-category outcomes;
loglinear models for contingency tables; generalized additive models;
generalized linear models for longitudinal and clustered data.
Offered spring semesters of even years. Prerequisites: (BIOS:5720 or
STAT:5200) and (STAT:5100 or STAT:4101). Same as STAT:7510.

BIOS:7500 Preceptorship in Biostatistics arr.
Work experience using knowledge and skill acquired in classroom;
arranged in conjunction with ongoing departmental or collegiate
activities or with governmental agencies or private industry;
preparation of prospectus and presentation of research results in a
department seminar.

BIOS:7600 Advanced Biostatistics Seminar 0-3 s.h.
Current topics; supervised experience in reading and interpreting
biostatistical literature. Same as IGPI:7600.

BIOS:7604 Scholarly Integrity in Biostatistics 0 s.h.
Responsible conduct of research training; emphasis on issues of
particular relevance to biostatisticians and statisticians including
authorship, communication, student/mentor relationships, plagiarism,
fabrication and falsification of data, bias, Type I/II errors, reproducible research,
data confidentiality and security, conflicts of interest, human/animal subjects. Requirements: postdoctoral research scholar/fellow standing in biostatistics or statistics.

BIOS:7700 Problems/Special Topics in Biostatistics arr.
Didactic material in biostatistics; may include tutorials, seminars,
faculty-directed independent work (e.g. literature search, project, short
research project).

BIOS:7800 Independent Study in Biostatistics arr.
In-depth pursuit of an area of special interest in biostatistics requiring
substantial creativity and independence.
BIOS:7850 Research in Biostatistics  
Research that may lead to a dissertation.

BIOS:7900 Thesis/Dissertation  
arr.