JOINT BA/MS OR BS/MS IN STATISTICS

This program enables unusually well-qualified undergraduate students to complete an MS in Statistics along with a BA or BS during their four years at the College. Although a student may receive a BA or BS in any field, a program of study other than Statistics is recommended.

Only a small number of students will be selected for the program through a competitive admissions process. Participants must apply to the MS program in Statistics by June 1 of their third year for admission to candidacy for an MS in Statistics during their fourth year. To be considered, students should have completed almost all of their undergraduate requirements, including all of their general education and language competence requirements, by the end of their third year. They should also have completed, at a minimum, both STAT 24400 Statistical Theory and Methods I (or STAT 24410 Statistical Theory and Methods Ia) and STAT 24500 Statistical Theory and Methods II with A or A- grades and all the mathematics requirements for the Statistics major with very high grades. While these are the minimum criteria, admission is competitive, and additional qualifications may be needed. Interested students are strongly encouraged to consult both the Departmental Adviser for Majors and their adviser in the College early in their third year.

Participants in the joint BA/MS or BS/MS program must meet the same requirements as students in the MS program in Statistics. Of the nine courses that are required at the appropriate level, up to three may also meet the requirements of an undergraduate program. For example, STAT 24400-24500 Statistical Theory and Methods I-II and STAT 24610 Pattern Recognition, which are required for the MS in Statistics, could also be used to meet part of the requirements of a BA or BS program in Mathematics for courses outside of Mathematics.

Other requirements include a master’s paper and participation in the Consulting Program of the Department of Statistics. For details, visit www.stat.uchicago.edu/admissions/MastersDegree.shtml.