

A photograph of Bascom Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The building is a large, classical-style stone structure with a portico supported by columns. Three red banners hang from the portico, each featuring the 'W' logo and the text 'ALL WAYS FORWARD'. The scene is framed by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and green. Several students are walking on the grass in the foreground. The word 'Statistics' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the bottom of the image.

Statistics

The Department of Statistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has strong research and training programs covering the breadth and diversity of statistics theory and practice. It's one of the premier statistics departments in the world, generally ranked among the top 10 in the country.

Program Overview

Experience the Statistics Thematic Track VISP Program! The Department of Statistics invites undergraduate-level international students to take a variety of courses in statistics and data science. Students receive comprehensive academic advising and enrollment support from the department. Most students start their program in the fall and stay with us for the academic year, allowing for a fully immersive academic experience.

After their first year as a nondegree visiting student, VISP students who successfully complete their coursework with a grade of B or better have the option to apply for preferred admission to the Master of Science in Statistics: Data Science (MSDS) graduate degree program. If admitted, students can count up to 15 credits of VISP coursework toward the 30-credit MSDS degree program.

Student Support

From the time you apply to the end of your stay, the VISP staff is here to assist you. As a VISP participant, you have full access to all of UW–Madison’s academic and student support services, such as libraries, computer labs, clubs and sports facilities. You are also encouraged to attend VISP-sponsored social and cultural events. Upon completion you will receive an official UW–Madison transcript.

Academics

Students will have a mix of coursework including a set of core courses and a choice of electives. Core courses include:

- Stat 303, 304 and 305 R for Statistics I, II and III
- Stat 601 Statistical Methods I
- Stat 602 Statistical Methods II
- Stat 610 Introduction to Statistical Inference
- Stat 615 Statistical Learning

A variety of electives are available through the Department of Statistics for students to choose from to achieve full-time enrollment.

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