**Doctor of Philosophy: Biostatistics and Data Science**

*Direct Admission to PhD Program*

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| Course | | Credits | Title | | Semester & Year | Grade | Competencies\*/Notes |
| **Masters Equivalent Coursework**  *(see planning note 3)* | | | | | | | |
| *21 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Notes* |
| PHM 1700L | | 3 | Intermediate Biostatistics | |  |  |  |
| PH 1820L | | 3 | Applied Linear Regression\* | |  |  |  |
| PH 1821L | | 3 | Applied Multivariate Analysis\* | |  |  |  |
| PH 1830L | | 3 | Categorical Data Analysis \* | |  |  |  |
| PH 1910L | | 3 | Probability and Distribution Theory\* | |  |  |  |
| PH 1975L | | 3 | Introduction to Data Science | |  |  |  |
| PH 1976L | | 3 | Fundamentals of Data Analytics and Predictions | |  |  |  |
| **PhD Required Courses**  *(see planning note 3)* | | | | | | | |
| *19 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Competencies* |
| PH 1831L | | 3 | Survival Analysis\* | |  |  |  |
| PH 1911L | | 3 | Statistical Inference\* | |  |  |  |
| PHD 1915L | | 3 | Linear Models I\* | |  |  | PhD-B1 |
| PH 1916L | | 3 | Generalized Linear Models | |  |  | PhD-B1; PhD-B3 |
| PHD 1930L | | 3 | Statistical Computing | |  |  | PhD-B2; PhD-B4 |
| PHD 1950L | | 3 | Stochastic Processes in Biostatistics I\* | |  |  | PhD-B1; PhD-B2 |
| PH 1988 | | 1 | Biostatistics Seminar | |  |  |  |
| **Minor**  *(see planning note 4)* | | | | | | | |
| *9 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Notes* |
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| **Electives**  *(see planning note 5)* | | | | | | | |
| *17 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Notes* |
|  | |  |  | |  |  | *Must be biostatistics course (1700-1999)* |
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| **Research Practice Experience**  *(see planning note 6)* | | | | | | | |
| *3 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Notes* |
| PHD 1995 | | 3 | Research Practice Experience for Biostatistics Students | |  |  |  |
| **Dissertation**  *(see planning note 7)* | | | | | | | |
| *3 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Notes* |
| PHD 9999 | | 3 | Dissertation | |  |  |  |
| **Total Credits** | | **72** | *(see planning note 8)* | | | | |

*For course availability, including online offerings, please reference the* [*Course Rotation Schedule*](https://web.sph.uth.edu/student-forms/Academic_Requirements/Schedule%20of%20Classes/Reference.Course_Rotation.pdf) *and the* [*Interactive Course Schedule*](https://web.sph.uth.edu/course/CourseSchedule)*.*

*Competency statements can be found in the* [*CEPH Competencies*](https://uthtmc.sharepoint.com/sites/SPH-mySPH/SitePages/CEPH-Competencies.aspx) *index*

*.***Planning Notes:**

**Planning Note 1 (Leveling Courses):** Required leveling courses are outlined in the student’s offer of admission letter. At the department’s discretion, students may be eligible to waive these courses if they provide evidence of having successfully completed equivalent coursework previously. Waived courses must have an approved Course Waiver form on file with the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Services. *Academic credits from leveling courses do not count towards the total required number of credits for the degree program.*

**Planning Note 2 (PH 101):** This course is required for all students enrolled in the PhD in Biostatistics and Data Science. This course is an online, not-for-credit course that covers the Foundational Knowledge Competencies set forth by CEPH. Students will be added to the course in Canvas during their first semester. Students must complete the course within one year of matriculation.

**Planning Note 3 (Required Courses for Preliminary Exam)***:* Students must successfully complete each course indicated in the planner with an asterisk (\*) prior to sitting for the preliminary exam.

**Planning Note 4 (Minor):** Students are required to elect a minor outside their department. Students should consult with their advisor and the minor’s department for requirements. Students who do not elect a minor in Epidemiology are required to complete at least one course from the Department of Epidemiology (2600-2999), per policy 303.

**Planning Note 5 (Electives):** Students are required to complete a minimum of 17 credit hours of electives. At least 8 credit hours of electives must be from biostatistics courses above the 1700 level that is not already required on the degree planner (1700-1999). Students should consult with their advisor when selecting elective courses coursework appropriate for the student’s research and career goals.

**Planning Note 6 (Research Practice Experience):** Students should consult with their advisor to identify an appropriate research practice experience to fulfill learning objectives related to their research and career goals.

**Planning Note 7 (Dissertation):** If there is elective space available, a total of 6 credit hours of dissertation can be applied to the degree, with 3 of those credits counting as electives.A minimum of 3 credit hours of dissertation is required. A maximum of 6 credit hours of dissertation will count towards the degree requirement.

**Planning Note 8 (Total Credits):** Completion of a prescribed course of study of at least one (1) academic year and a minimum of at least 72 semester credit hours. A maximum of six (6) semester credit hours of dissertation count toward the minimum 72 credit hours. If the student chooses to elect a practicum, no more than three (3) credit hours of practicum and three (3) credit hours of dissertation count toward the minimum of 72 credit hours.  Therefore, at least 66 credit hours of courses other than practicum or dissertation must be successfully completed.