**Master of Science: Biostatistics and Data Science**

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| Course | | Credits | Tile | | Semester & Year | Grade | Corresponding Competencies |
| **Major Courses in Biostatistics and Data Science** | | | | | | | |
| *24 credit hours* | | | | | | | *Competencies* |
| PH 1700L | | 3 | Intermediate Biostatistics | |  |  | *MS-B1; MS-B3; MS-B4* |
| PH 1820L | | 3 | Applied Linear Regression | |  |  | *MS-B1; MS-B3; MS-B4* |
| PH 1821L | | 3 | Applied Multivariate Analysis | |  |  | *MS-B1; MS-B3; MS-B4* |
| PH 1830L | | 3 | Categorical Data Analysis | |  |  | *MS-B1; MS-B3; MS-B4* |
| PH 1910L | | 3 | Probability and Distribution Theory | |  |  | *MS-B2* |
| PH 1911L | | 3 | Statistical Inference | |  |  | *MS-B3* |
| PH 1975L | | 3 | Introduction to Data Science | |  |  |  |
| PH 1976L | | 3 | Fundamentals of Data Analytics and Predictions | |  |  |  |
| **Electives**  *(see planning note 3)* | | | | | | | |
| *9 credit hours* | | | | | | |  |
|  | | 3 |  | |  |  | *Must be epidemiology course (2600-2999)* |
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| **Thesis**  *(see planning note 4)* | | | | | | | |
| *3 credit hours* | | | | | | |  |
| PHM 9998 | | 3 | Integrative Learning Experience/ Thesis Research | |  |  |  |
| **Total Credits** *(see planning note 5)* | | **36** |  | | | | |

*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)*.*

**Planning Notes:**

**Planning Note 1 (Leveling Courses):** Students may be required to complete additional leveling coursework based on their academic history. Students should discuss with their faculty advisor to identify which courses might be needed for academic success. In some instances, required leveling courses may be indicated in the student’s offer of admission. At the discretion of the department, students may be able to waive leveling courses if they have previously completed equivalent coursework. *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 MS 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 (Electives):** Students are required to complete 9 credit hours of elective coursework. Students must complete a 3 credit hour epidemiology course of their choice (2600-2999). Students are encouraged to complete elective coursework in biostatistics (1700-1999; not already on the degree planner). Students should consult with their advisor when selecting elective courses. Students may also elect to complete a minor outside of their department. Students who opt to complete a minor should consult with their advisor and the minor’s department for requirements.

**Planning Note 4 (Thesis):** Students are required to complete 3 credit hours of thesis research (*PHM 9998 Integrative Learning Experience/Thesis Research*). A maximum of 6 credit hours of thesis will count towards the degree requirement.

**Planning Note 5 (Total Credits):** Completion of a prescribed course of study of at least one (1) academic year and a minimum of at least 36 semester credit hours. A maximum of six (6) credit hours of thesis count toward the minimum of 36 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 thesis count toward the minimum of 36 credit hours. Therefore, at least 30 credit hours of courses other than practicum or thesis must be successfully completed.

***Planner must be completed in collaboration with and signed by the faculty advisor. Changes to planned coursework may be made and submitted to the faculty advisor for approval. Students must submit their final completed degree planner with the evaluation report the semester before their anticipated graduation.***

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| **Advising Notes:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Approvals:** |  |  |  |  |
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| *Faculty Advisor, Printed* |  | *Faculty Advisor, Signature* |  | *Date* |