The Academic Program (M.S.)

2013-14

The general requirements of the Statistics Graduate Program include:

- Completion of coursework
- Completion of written comprehensive qualifying exams

The normative time for completion of the M.S. degree requirements is 6 quarters (2 years) with 37 quarter units of graduate (200 level) work.

The program consists of a minimum of 37 approved units. The following is a guide to achieving these goals and other requirements:

1. **Complete course requirements:** Required Course Work: 1 unit of STAT 288, 12 units of STAT201A,B,C; 4 units of STAT 207, and 12 units of STAT 293 are counted towards the total. In addition at least 8 units must be from STAT 200A, STAT200B, STAT203A, STAT203B, STAT205, STAT215, STAT216A, STAT216B, STAT220A, STAT220B, STAT230, and STAT240. Students entering the Master’s program must have completed a bachelor’s degree with a strong background in Statistics and sufficient training in Mathematics or take: STAT160A, 160B, 160C, STAT 161 and STAT 170A, 170B, STAT 171, covering basic areas of probability and statistics. The undergraduate upper division courses are not counted towards the Master’s degree.

2. **Complete Comprehensive Examinations:** Students must take the comprehensive exams offered in the fall and spring quarters. No more than two attempts are allowed to pass the written exams.

Exams will be on the following courses:

**Pass Part I at the MS level:** Exam will cover concepts in: STAT 201A, 201B, 201C, 161, 170A and 170B.

3. **Satisfactory Academic Progress:**
   For all students, evaluations of progress are carried out each spring by the Graduate Advisor, who is responsible for making specific recommendations to the Graduate Division concerning the student’s progress. Students are notified in writing of the results of the annual evaluation, and copies are forwarded to the Graduate Division.

4. **Unsatisfactory Academic Progress:**
   It is hoped that you will make good progress in your degree program. Failing to do so will have serious consequences for your career in graduate school. If you do not reach deadlines such as qualifying exams in a timely fashion, if your GPA drops below the minimum level of 3.00, if you have 12 or more units of “I” (incomplete) grades, or if your advisor feels that you are not advancing as you should, the Graduate Division can and will block your registration.
Advancement to Candidacy in the Master’s Program

- The application for advancement to candidacy is obtained at: www.graduate.ucr.edu/advancement.html

- Completed applications are returned to the Graduate Student Affairs Officer (Perla Fabelo) and processed through the Graduate Advisor and Graduate Division for approval. Students can’t graduate with a Grade Delay or Incomplete grades unless the students are petitioning to change degree objectives from the M.S. to the Ph.D. and have passed the written qualifying exams and course work. Students will then enroll as a Ph.D. or on Filing Fee to complete M.S. degree requirements.

Graduation and OPT Forms that need approval by the Graduate Advisor:

Students participating in graduation and in OPT need to submit their forms to Perla Fabelo two weeks before the deadlines to ensure time to process for review and approval by the Graduate Advisor. If forms are submitted a day to two before the deadline, approvals may not be guaranteed. Avoid any delays and submit your forms early.

OPT due by: March 1st
MS application for advancement to candidacy due by: March 15th
Commencement Ceremony Petition Form due by: April 1st