PhD in Epidemiology & Biostatistics Admissions Checklist

☐ **Online Application**
  o Visit [SOPHAS.org](https://sophas.org) and select “Apply”

☐ **Graduate Entrance Exams** - Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
  o **GRE**: Submit results directly to SOPHAS by using [ETS code 4221](https://www.ets.org/).
  o **Other acceptable exams**: GMAT, MCAT
  o **Waivers**: Test requirements are waived for applicants who have earned any of the following degrees: PhD, MD, DMD, DDS, PharmD, DVM, DO, DNP, or DSc from an accredited U.S. institution.

☐ **Official Transcripts**
  o Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.
  o Applicants must possess a minimum of four-year undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, 3.0 preferred.
  o Applicants must possess a master’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

☐ **Letters of Recommendation**
  o A minimum of three (3) letters are uploaded directly to SOPHAS by recommenders. At least one (1) of the letters must be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant.

☐ **Professional Resume/CV**
  o Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, publications, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the PhD Epi-Bio program.

☐ **Personal Statement**
  o Upload a personal statement that includes a description of the applicant’s research goals and how a joint degree in epidemiology and biostatistics provides the necessary training for career development.
    *Note - Program faculty are actively engaged in research programs aligned with University research priority areas. Applicants are encouraged to identify specific faculty research programs that would support their successful development into a productive independent researcher.*

☐ **Publication, Research Project, or other Scientific project**
  o At least one (1) mandatory
  o One additional allowed, no more than two total

☐ **Pre-requisites**
  o Completion of Calculus I
  o Completion of Calculus II

☐ **International Applicants**
  o All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by the World Education Services ([WES.org](https://wes.org)) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
  o All applicants whose native language is **not** English will be asked to self-report one of these scores on the application: **TOEFL/IILTS English Proficiency Tests**. Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
    ▪ Learn more at [https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores](https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores).

**Application Deadlines**

☐ Final application deadline for all applicants: February 1st

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