

### Master of Science (Biostatistics) Admissions Checklist

- Online Application – Apply via [SOPHAS](#)**
  - SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](#) to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.
- Official Transcripts**
  - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.
  - Applicants must possess a minimum of four-year undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 preferred.
- SOPHAS Evaluations/Recommendations**
  - Enter contact information for your recommenders - a minimum of three (3) contacts are required. Recommenders will be prompted electronically to complete an electronic evaluation as well as to submit a letter of recommendation.
  - We recommend that at least one (1) of the evaluations be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant. In some cases, however, we understand that it is not possible.
- Professional Resume/CV**
  - Upload resume or CV. Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the MS Biostatistics program.
- Personal Statement**
  - Upload personal statement. Your statement should be approximately two pages in length, double-spaced, and cover the following:
    - 1) Describe your interest in the field of Biostatistics and how it relates to public health
    - 2) Describe your professional and/or educational goals
    - 3) Describe how attending the University of Kentucky College of Public Health help you reach your professional and/or educational goals.
- Graduate Entrance Exams – Not Required (OPTIONAL)**
  - **GRE:** [SOPHAS](#) ETS code 4221
- International Applicants**
  - All **foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by the World Education Services ([WES.org](#)) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
  - All applicants whose native language is not English will be asked to self-report one of these scores on the application: **TOELF/IELTS English Proficiency Tests**. This requirement can be waived for students who've earned a degree from an accredited US institution.
    - Minimum [TOEFL](#) score: 79. Minimum [IELTS](#) score: 6.5.
    - Learn more at <https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores>.

#### **Application Deadlines**

- ★ If Pre-requisite Coursework is needed including: Calculus I & II, Intro to Biostatistics, Statistics, or similar, students will need to apply by:
  - **March 1** (Applicants will have to complete these courses before being admitted into the program)
- ★ Final **SOPHAS** application deadline:
  - International applicants: **April 1**
  - Domestic applicants: **June 1**
- ★ If admission is offered, a secondary UK Graduate School application is required. Deadlines for this secondary application:
  - International applicants: **April 1**
  - Domestic applicants: **July 1**

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