

**UCLA FIELDING**  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Biostatistics MS Informational Presentation**



## TOPICS COVERED

- MS degree requirements
- Comprehensive Examination
- Masters Report
- Biostatistics 596
- Steps to Graduation



# REQUIREMENTS FOR A DEGREE

# CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Biostatistics 200 A, B, C**      **Methods in Biostatistics**
- **Biostatistics 202 A, B**      **Theoretical Principles of Biostatistics**
- **Biostatistics 244**      **Master's Seminar and Research Resources for Graduating MS Biostatistics Students**
- **Biostatistics 402A**      **Principles of Biostatistical Consulting (2 Units)**
- **Biostatistics 402 B**      **Biostatistical Consulting**
- **Biostatistics 596**      **Directed Individual Study or Research for Masters Report (4 Units)**

# IN ADDITION...

- One 4 unit course in the Department of Epidemiology (either Epi 100 or 200A)
- One 4 unit course addressing broad public health themes (PH 150 or HPM M242)
- A minimum of 24 units of electives in the Department of Biostatistics. The elective courses may be chosen from courses in the 200 series with course numbers of 203 and above and no more than one course from the 400 series. Students may also apply for permission to use other courses such as from the UCLA Department of Statistics as electives by requesting permission via a blue petition in advance of taking the course.

**\*\*All required courses (except 402B) must be taken for a letter grade)\*\***

DON'T FORGET...

# Biostatistics 596

Directed Individual Study or Research for  
Masters Report (4 Units)

**\*\*You will need a faculty member to advise you \*\***



**Provide a timeline of when to secure Advisor and  
reg for 596 and complete report and submit to  
faculty and SAO before end of spring term year  
two**

# COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

- Written Comprehensive Exam
- Taken at the beginning of the second year of study in September
- Includes material covered in the following biostatistics courses: 200A, 200B, 200C, 202A, and 202B
- Must pass the exam to receive the M.S. degree
- Have a maximum of 2 opportunities to pass the exam



# ADVISING NOTE

All students are assigned an academic advisor who is a faculty member of the Department of Biostatistics. Students should meet with their advisor prior to the beginning of each quarter to discuss course selections. Some students who have adequate prior background may in consultation of their academic advisor be waived of some core requirements (e.g.: some quarters of the 200 or 202 series); However, the material from those courses would still be included in the required MS comprehensive exam.

A typical course load is 12 units per term for first year students. It's recommended that you discuss with your academic advisor if you are considering taking a heavier course load.



# MASTER'S REPORT

- Written report under the direction of a member of the Biostatistics Faculty
- Spring of second year of study, students take both Biostatistics 596 under the direction of a faculty member and Biostatistics 244 to guide the report preparation
- Begin thinking about topics of the report in the beginning of second year of study
- Report must be **handed in and approved before the end of spring term** of the second year of study in order to graduate at the end of the second year



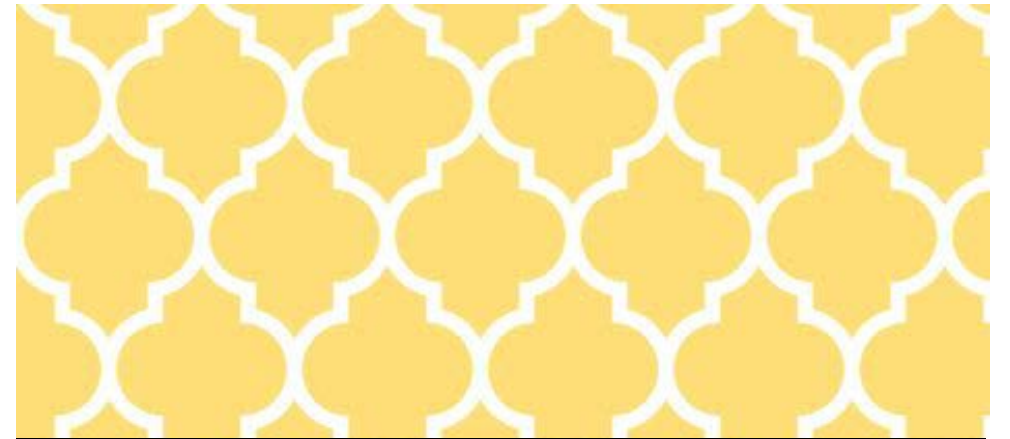
Specific deadline dates can be obtained from the Biostatistics Student Affairs Officer

Examples of Masters Reports from recent graduates are available for inspection in the Biostatistics Library

# STEPS TO GRADUATION

- **Step 1:** Ensure that you have completed all your coursework
- **Step 2:** Confirm that your advisor has approved your electives
- **Step 3:** Confirm that you have completed your Master Report and Biostatistics 596
- **Step 4:** Fall/Winter graduates — File ATC form with SAO by week 2 of quarter that you intend to graduate
- **Step 4:** Spring graduates — Attend graduation workshop in February. ATC deadline will be announced at the workshop.





**Commencement  
2020**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**THE ENDGAME!**