

Harvard School of Public Health

Department of Biostatistics

Required	Strongly Recommended	Minimum Requirements	Other factors
<p>All candidates for admission to our PhD or Master's programs should have successfully completed calculus through multivariable integration and one semester of linear algebra, plus have knowledge of a programming language. A complete application includes all official transcripts, GRE scores, three reference letters, a statement of purpose, and a CV or resume.</p>	<p>PhD applicants are strongly encouraged to have completed two semesters of calculus-based probability and statistics, two semesters of advanced calculus or real analysis, and a course in numerical analysis. Master's applicants are encouraged to have completed courses in probability, statistics, advanced calculus, and numerical analysis.</p>	<p>Although our Department does not have minimum requirements for the applicant's GPA or GRE scores, successful applicants tend to have strong academic records.</p>	<p>Practical knowledge of a statistical computing package is desirable. Students with interests in bioinformatics are encouraged to have completed courses in biology, computational biology, and genetics and to have practical knowledge of a scripting language. Some research experience is highly valued.</p>

Current Practice on Application Fee Waiver:

An applicant would need to individually request an application fee waiver from our Graduate School of Arts and Sciences for PhD applicants and Harvard School of Public Health for Master's applicants. Often this can be approved with appropriate justification.