

GRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURE - FALL SEMESTER, 2013

The application for admission, application fee, and all required supporting documents should be received **no later than February 1, 2013**.

A complete application consists of:

- 1) MSU Graduate Application at <http://grad.msu.edu/apply/online.aspx>
Our majors are: (3871) MS Applied Statistics
(3875) MS Statistics
(3877) PhD Statistics
- 2) Application for the Department of Statistics and Probability, which you complete by logging into <http://www.beaspartan.com/> using your applicant id and password issued when you completed the MSU Graduate Application. This site will allow you to upload supporting documents, including the required supplemental Advanced Mathematics Profile. You may also upload a resume or personal statement if you wish but these are not required.
- 3) Three Letters of Recommendation: These are submitted through an online system called EMBARK. Please go to <https://apply.embark.com/grad/michiganstate/lor/> and register the information for your references. The system will then automatically contact your letter writers and provide them with directions. They will also be told if you have waived the right to view the recommendation.
- 4) Official transcripts of all college work (undergraduate and graduate). These are to be sent to our Department directly from the school(s) which you attended. Our address is:
Graduate Office
Department of Statistics and Probability
C415 Wells Hall, 619 Red Cedar Rd.
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

There is no need to send more than one transcript. We will forward the original transcript to the Office of Admissions.
- 5) GRE – The GRE test is required. Test Scores are submitted to the Michigan State University Graduate Admissions Office by the Educational Testing Service. The Institutional Code for MSU is 1465. No department code is necessary.
- 6) TOEFL Scores (for International Students Only)
Please note that the Department of Statistics and Probability requires TOEFL and we do not accept other language tests. TOEFL is required for all international

students unless the student has received a degree in the United States. Applications will not be considered without TOEFL scores.

The minimal TOEFL scores required for regular admission are:
Reading 19; Listening 19, Speaking 19, Writing 22. Plus 1 more point on any of these topics to make a total of 80 points.

- 7) Affidavit of Support (only for International Students who are not applying for an assistantship): Your Affidavit of Support along with a certified bank statement may be uploaded into the <http://www.beaspartan.com/>

Applications are accepted for Fall Semester only. October 1, 2012 is the first day applications can be made for Fall, 2013. **The deadline for submission of application and all required materials is February 1, 2013.** Full consideration for admission and assistantships will be given to applicants who have completed all required materials no later than February 1, 2013.

You will be able to check your application status through the “Be A Spartan” portal. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Note: We no longer process paper applications. In filling out the two on-line applications listed above, **it is imperative that you provide a correct and working email address.** Almost all of our correspondence is conducted via email.

Financial Aid for Applicants

The Department has approximately seven new assistantships available each year. In addition, fellowships are available to outstanding U.S. citizens. In almost all cases, in order to be offered assistantships, international students must have a master's degree in either mathematics or statistics and pass the TOEFL requirements. All domestic applicants should have a good background/degree in mathematics and/or statistics in order to be considered for assistantships.

Please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions for inquiries. If you still need to contact us you may reach our graduate secretary, Sue Watson, at gradsec@stt.msu.edu

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Other Sources of Information:

Academic Programs

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms>

Graduate Students Rights and responsibilities (GSSR)

<http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/graduate-student-rights-and-responsibilities>

MSU/GEU Contract

<http://www.hr.msu.edu/documents/contracts/GEU2011-2015.pdf>

Guidelines for Graduate Student Advising and Mentoring Relationships

<http://grad.msu.edu/publications/docs/studentadvising.pdf>

Guidelines for Integrity in Research and Creative Activities

<http://grad.msu.edu/publications/docs/integrityresearch.pdf>