

# Biostatistics

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### **Academic Regulations**

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

### **Admission Requirements**

The normal requirement for admission to the master's program is an Honours bachelor's degree in mathematics, statistics or the equivalent, with B+ or higher in the honours subject and B- or higher overall.

Applicants holding a general (three-year) degree with an overall GPA of at least B+ may be admitted to a qualifying-year program. Subsequent admission to the regular master's program depends on performance during the qualifying-year program and will be decided no later than one year after admission to the qualifying-year program. Details are outlined in the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

### **Program Requirements**

The M.Sc. in Mathematics and Statistics: Specialization in Biostatistics is part of the M.Sc. in Mathematics and Statistics with Concentration in Statistics and has two completion options.

#### **M.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics with Specialization in Biostatistics - Thesis option (6.0 credits)**

1. 3.5 credits in course work	3.5
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
STAT 5902 [0.5] Seminar in Biostatistics	
3. 2.0 credits in Thesis	2.0
Total Credits	6.0

#### **M.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics with Specialization in Biostatistics - Coursework option (5.0 credits)**

1. 4.5 credits in courses	4.5
2. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
STAT 5902 [0.5] Seminar in Biostatistics	
Total Credits	5.0

Unless prior approval by the Director of the collaborative program has been obtained, students in the M.Sc. Mathematics program should take EPIJ 5240, EPIJ 5241, EPIJ 6178, EPIJ 6278, STAT 5600 (MAT 5375) or STAT 5610 (MAT 5375), and STAT 5501 (MAT 5191) or STAT 5602 (MAT 5317). The remaining courses should be in Mathematics and Statistics at the graduate level.

### **Epidemiology - Joint (EPIJ) Courses**

**EPIJ 5240 [0.5 credit] (EPI 5240)**  
**Epidemiology**

**EPIJ 5241 [0.5 credit] (EPI 5241)**  
**Epidemiology II**

**EPIJ 5330 [0.5 credit] (EPI 5330)**  
**Vital and Health Statistics**

**EPIJ 6178 [0.5 credit] (EPI 6178)**  
**Clinical Trials**

**EPIJ 6278 [0.5 credit] (EPI 6278)**  
**Advanced Clinical Trials**

### **Mathematics (MATH) Courses**

**MATH 5001 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5144)**  
**Commutative Algebra**

Prime spectrum of a commutative ring (as a topological space); localization of rings and modules; tensor product of modules and algebras; Hilbert's Nullstellensatz and consequences for finitely generated algebras; Krull dimension of a ring; integral dependence, going-up, going-down; Noether Normalization Lemma and dimension theory.

**MATH 5002 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5149)**  
**Algebraic Geometry**

Brief overview of commutative algebra, Hilbert's Nullstellensatz, algebraic sets, and Zariski topology. Affine and projective varieties over algebraically closed fields. Regular functions and rational maps. Additional topics.

**MATH 5003 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5122)**  
**Banach Algebras**

Commutative Banach algebras; the space of maximal ideals; representation of Banach algebras as function algebras and as operator algebras; the spectrum of an element. Special types of Banach algebras: for example, regular algebras with involution, applications.

**MATH 5005 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5127)**  
**Complex Analysis**

Complex differentiation and integration, harmonic functions, maximum modulus principle, Runge's theorem, conformal mapping, entire and meromorphic functions, analytic continuation.

**MATH 5007 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5125)**

#### **Real Analysis I (Measure Theory and Integration)**

General measure and integral, Lebesgue measure and integration on  $\mathbb{R}$ , Fubini's theorem, Lebesgue-Radon-Nikodym theorem, absolute continuity and differentiation, LP-spaces. Selected topics such as Daniell-Stone theory. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4007, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5008 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5126)**  
**Real Analysis II (Functional Analysis)**

Banach and Hilbert spaces, bounded linear operators, dual spaces. Topics selected from: weak-topologies, Alaoglu's theorem, compact operators, differential calculus in Banach spaces, Riesz representation theorems. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5007 (MAT 5125) or permission of the School.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4003, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5009 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5121)**  
**Introduction to Hilbert Space**

Geometry of Hilbert Space, spectral theory of linear operators in Hilbert Space.

**MATH 5102 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5148)**  
**Group Representations and Applications**

An introduction to group representations and character theory, with selected applications.

**MATH 5103 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5146)**  
**Rings and Modules**

Generalizations of the Wedderburn-Artin theorem and applications, homological algebra.

**MATH 5104 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5143)**  
**Lie Algebras**

Basic concepts: ideals, homomorphisms, nilpotent, solvable, semi-simple. Representations, universal enveloping algebra. Semi-simple Lie algebras: structure theory, classification, and representation theory. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5107 (MAT 5141) and MATH 5109 (MAT 5142) or permission of the School.

**MATH 5106 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5145)**  
**Group Theory**

Fundamental principles as applied to abelian, nilpotent, solvable, free, and finite groups; representations. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4106, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5107 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5141)**  
**Algebra I**

Groups, Sylow subgroups, finitely generated abelian groups. Rings, field of fractions, principal ideal domains, modules. Polynomial algebra, Euclidean algorithm, unique factorization.

**MATH 5108 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5147)**  
**Homological Algebra and Category Theory**

Axioms of set theory, categories, functors, natural transformations; free, projective, injective and flat modules; tensor products and homology functors, derived functors; dimension theory. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4108, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5109 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5142)**  
**Algebra II**

Field theory, algebraic and transcendental extensions, finite fields, Galois groups. Modules over principal ideal domains, decomposition of a linear transformation, Jordan normal form.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 5107 (MAT 5141) and permission of the School.

**MATH 5201 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5150)**  
**Topics in Geometry**

Various axiom systems of geometry. Detailed examinations of at least one modern approach to foundations, with emphasis upon the connections with group theory.

**MATH 5202 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5168)**  
**Homology Theory**

The Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms and their consequences, singular homology theory, applications to topology and algebra.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 5205 (MAT 5151) or permission of the School.

**MATH 5205 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5151)**  
**Topology I**

Topological spaces, product and identification topologies, countability and separation axioms, compactness, connectedness, homotopy, fundamental group, net and filter convergence.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4205, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5206 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5152)**  
**Topology II**

Covering spaces, homology via the Eilenberg-Steenrod Axioms, applications, construction of a homology functor. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5205 (MAT 5151) or permission of the School.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4206, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5207 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5169)**  
**Foundations of Geometry**

A study of at least one modern axiom system of Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometry, embedding of hyperbolic and Euclidean geometries in the projective plane, groups of motions, models of non-Euclidean geometry.

**MATH 5208 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5155)**  
**Differentiable Manifolds**

A study of differentiable manifolds from the point of view of either differential topology or differential geometry. Topics such as smooth mappings, transversality, intersection theory, vector fields on manifolds, Gaussian curvature, Riemannian manifolds, differential forms, tensors, and connections are included.

**MATH 5300 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5160)****Mathematical Cryptography**

Analysis of cryptographic methods used in authentication and data protection, with particular attention to the underlying mathematics, e.g. Algebraic Geometry, Number Theory, and Finite Fields. Advanced topics on Public-Key Cryptography: RSA and integer factorization, Diffie-Hellman, discrete logarithms, elliptic curves. Topics in current research.

**MATH 5301 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5161)****Mathematical Logic**

A basic graduate course in mathematical logic. Propositional and predicate logic, proof theory, Gentzen's Cut-Elimination, completeness, compactness, Henkin models, model theory, arithmetic and undecidability. Special topics (time permitting) depending on interests of instructor and audience.

**MATH 5305 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5163)****Analytic Number Theory**

Dirichlet series, characters, Zeta-functions, prime number theorem, Dirichlet's theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions, binary quadratic forms.

**MATH 5306 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5164)****Algebraic Number Theory**

Algebraic number fields, bases, algebraic integers, integral bases, arithmetic in algebraic number fields, ideal theory, class number.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4306, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5403 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5187)****Topics in Applied Mathematics****MATH 5405 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5131)****Ordinary Differential Equations**

Linear systems, fundamental solution. Nonlinear systems, existence and uniqueness, flow. Equilibria, periodic solutions, stability. Invariant manifolds and hyperbolic theory. One or two specialized topics taken from, but not limited to: perturbation and asymptotic methods, normal forms and bifurcations, global dynamics.

**MATH 5406 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5133)****Partial Differential Equations**

First-order equations, characteristics method, classification of second-order equations, separation of variables, Green's functions.  $L_p$  and Sobolev spaces, distributions, variational formulation and weak solutions, Lax-Milgram theorem, Galerkin approximation. Parabolic PDEs. Wave equations, hyperbolic systems, nonlinear PDEs, reaction-diffusion equations, infinite-dimensional dynamical systems, regularity.

**MATH 5407 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5134)****Topics in Partial Differential Equations**

Theory of distributions, initial-value problems based on two-dimensional wave equations, Laplace transform, Fourier integral transform, diffusion problems, Helmholtz equation with application to boundary and initial-value problems in cylindrical and spherical coordinates.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 5406 or permission of the School.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4701, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5408 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5185)****Asymptotic Methods of Applied Mathematics**

Asymptotic series: properties, matching, application to differential equations. Asymptotic expansion of integrals: elementary methods, methods of Laplace, Stationary Phase and Steepest Descent, Watson's Lemma, Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma. Perturbation methods: regular and singular perturbation for differential equations, multiple scale analysis, boundary layer theory, WKB theory.

**MATH 5605 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5165)****Theory of Automata**

Algebraic structure of sequential machines, decomposition of machines; finite automata, formal languages; complexity.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4805/COMP 4805, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5607 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5324)****Game Theory**

Two-person zero-sum games; infinite games; multi-stage games; differential games; utility theory; two-person general-sum games; bargaining problem;  $n$ -person games; games with a continuum of players.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4807, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5609 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5301)****Topics in Combinatorial Mathematics**

Courses in special topics related to Combinatorial Mathematics, not covered by other graduate courses.

**MATH 5801 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5303)****Linear Optimization**

Linear programming problems; simplex method, upper bounded variables, free variables; duality; postoptimality analysis; linear programs having special structures; integer programming problems; unimodularity; knapsack problem.

**MATH 5803 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5304)****Nonlinear Optimization**

Methods for unconstrained and constrained optimization problems; Kuhn-Tucker conditions; penalty functions; duality; quadratic programming; geometric programming; separable programming; integer nonlinear programming; pseudo-Boolean programming; dynamic programming.

**MATH 5804 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5307)**  
**Topics in Operations Research**

**MATH 5805 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5308)**  
**Topics in Algorithm Design**

**MATH 5806 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5180)**  
**Numerical Analysis**

Error analysis for fixed and floating point arithmetic; systems of linear equations; eigen-value problems; sparse matrices; interpolation and approximation, including Fourier approximation; numerical solution of ordinary and partial differential equations.

**MATH 5807 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5167)**  
**Formal Language and Syntax Analysis**

Computability, unsolvable and NP-hard problems. Formal languages, classes of language automata. Principles of compiler design, syntax analysis, parsing (top-down, bottom-up), ambiguity, operator precedence, automatic construction of efficient parsers, LR, LR(O), LR(k), SLR, LL(k). Syntax directed translation.  
Also listed as COMP 5807.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 5605.

**MATH 5808 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5305)**  
**Combinatorial Optimization I**

Network flow theory and related material. Topics will include shortest paths, minimum spanning trees, maximum flows, minimum cost flows. Optimal matching in bipartite graphs.

**MATH 5809 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5306)**  
**Combinatorial Optimization II**

Topics include optimal matching in non-bipartite graphs, Euler tours and the Chinese Postman problem. Other extensions of network flows: dynamic flows, multicommodity flows, and flows with gains, bottleneck problems. Matroid optimization. Enumerative and heuristic algorithms for the Traveling Salesman and other "hard" problems.  
Prerequisite(s): MATH 5808 or permission of the school.

**MATH 5818 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5105)**  
**Discrete Applied Mathematics I: Graph Theory**

Paths and cycles, trees, connectivity, Euler tours and Hamilton cycles, edge colouring, independent sets and cliques, vertex colouring, planar graphs, directed graphs. Selected topics from one or more of the following areas: algebraic graph theory, topological graph theory, random graphs.

**MATH 5819 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5107)**  
**Discrete Applied Mathematics II: Combinatorial Enumeration**

Ordinary and exponential generating functions, product formulas, permutations, rooted trees, cycle index, WZ method. Lagrange inversions, singularity analysis of generating functions and asymptotics. Selected topics from one or more of the following areas: random graphs, random combinatorial structures, hypergeometric functions.

**MATH 5821 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5341)**  
**Quantum Computing**

Space of quantum bits; entanglement. Observables in quantum mechanics. Density matrix and Schmidt decomposition. Quantum cryptography. Classical and quantum logic gates. Quantum Fourier transform. Shor's quantum algorithm for factorization of integers.

**MATH 5822 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5343)**  
**Mathematical Aspects of Wavelets and Digital Signal Processing**

Lossless compression methods. Discrete Fourier transform and Fourier-based compression methods. JPEG and MPEG. Wavelet analysis. Digital filters and discrete wavelet transform. Daubechies wavelets. Wavelet compression.  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4822, for which additional credit is precluded.

**MATH 5900 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5990)**  
**Seminar**

**MATH 5901 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5991)**  
**Directed Studies**

**MATH 5906 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5996)**  
**Research Internship**

This course affords students the opportunity to undertake research in mathematics as a cooperative project with governmental or industrial sponsors. The grade will be based upon the mathematical content and upon oral and written presentation of results.  
Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate director.

**MATH 5909 [2.0 credits] (MAT 7999)**  
**M.Sc. Thesis in Mathematics**

**MATH 5910 [1.0 credit] (MAT 6997)**  
**M.Sc. Project in Mathematics**

Project in mathematics supervised by a professor approved by the graduate director resulting in a major report (approximately 30-40 pages), together with a short presentation on the report. Graded by the supervisor and another professor appointed by the graduate director.  
Precludes additional credit for MATH 5909.

**MATH 5993 [0.0 credit] (MAT 5993)**  
**Research Participation**



**MATH 6002 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5309)****Harmonic Analysis on Groups**

Transformation groups; Haar measure; unitary representations of locally compact groups; completeness and compact groups; character theory; decomposition.

**MATH 6008 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5326)****Topics in Analysis****MATH 6101 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5327)****Topics in Algebra****MATH 6104 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5158)****Lie Groups**

Matrix groups: one-parameter groups, exponential map, Campbell-Hausdorff formula, Lie algebra of a matrix group, integration on matrix groups. Abstract Lie groups. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5007 and PADM 5107 or permission of the School.

**MATH 6201 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5312)****Topics in Topology****MATH 6507 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5319)****Topics in Probability****MATH 6806 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5361)****Topics in Mathematical Logic****MATH 6807 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5162)****Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science**

Foundations of functional languages, lambda calculi (typed, polymorphically typed, untyped), Curry-Howard Isomorphism, proofs-as-programs, normalization and rewriting theory, operational semantics, type assignment, introduction to denotational semantics of programs, fixed-point programming.

**MATH 6900 [0.5 credit] (MAT 6990)****Seminar****MATH 6901 [0.5 credit] (MAT 6991)****Directed Studies****MATH 6909 [7.0 credits] (MAT 9999)****Ph.D. Thesis****Statistics (STAT) Courses****STAT 5500 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5177)****Multivariate Normal Theory**

Multivariate normal distribution properties, characterization, estimation of means, and covariance matrix. Regression approach to distribution theory of statistics; multivariate tests; correlations; classification of observations; Wilks' criteria.

**STAT 5501 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5191)****Mathematical Statistics II**

Confidence intervals and pivots; Bayesian intervals; optimal tests and Neyman-Pearson theory; likelihood ratio and score tests; significance tests; goodness-of-fit tests; large sample theory and applications to maximum likelihood and robust estimation.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as STAT 4507, for which additional credit is precluded.

**STAT 5502 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5192)****Sampling Theory and Methods**

Unequal probability sampling with and without replacement; unified theory for standard errors; prediction approach; ratio and regression estimation; stratification and optimal designs; multistage cluster sampling; double sampling; domains of study; post-stratification; nonresponse; measurement errors; related topics.

**STAT 5503 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5193)****Linear Models**

Theory of non full rank linear models; estimable functions, best linear unbiased estimators, hypotheses testing, confidence regions; multi-way classifications; analysis of covariance; variance component models; maximum likelihood estimation, Minque, Anova methods; miscellaneous topics.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5504 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5194)****Stochastic Processes and Time Series Analysis**

Stationary stochastic processes, inference for stochastic processes, applications to time series and spatial series analysis.

**STAT 5505 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5195)****Design of Experiments**

Overview of linear model theory; orthogonality; randomized block and split plot designs; latin square designs; randomization theory; incomplete block designs; factorial experiments: confounding and fractional replication; response surface methodology. Miscellaneous topics.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5506 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5175)****Robust Statistical Inference**

Tests for location, scale, and regression parameters; derivation of rank tests; distribution theory of linear rank statistics and their efficiency. Robust estimation of location, scale and regression parameters; Huber's M-estimators, Rank-methods, L-estimators. Influence function. Adaptive procedures.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5507 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5176)****Advanced Statistical Inference**

Pure significance test; uniformly most powerful unbiased and invariant tests; asymptotic comparison of tests; confidence intervals; large-sample theory of likelihood ratio and chi-square tests; likelihood inference; Bayesian inference; fiducial and structural methods; resampling methods.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5501 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5508 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5172)****Topics in Stochastic Processes**

Course contents will vary, but will include topics drawn from Markov processes. Brownian motion, stochastic differential equations, martingales, Markov random fields, random measures, and infinite particle systems, advanced topics in modeling, population models.

**STAT 5509 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5196)****Multivariate Analysis**

Multivariate methods of data analysis, including principal components, cluster analysis, factor analysis, canonical correlation, MANOVA, profile analysis, discriminant analysis, path analysis.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5516 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5197)****Non-parametric Statistical Inference**

Rank statistics; nonparametric tests of goodness-of-fit, homogeneity, symmetry and independence; relative efficiency of nonparametric tests; nonparametric density estimation; elements of nonparametric regression analysis: orthogonal series estimators, kernel estimators, smoothing splines.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 or permission of the School.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as STAT 4506, for which additional credit is precluded.

**STAT 5600 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5190)****Mathematical Statistics I**

Statistical decision theory; likelihood functions; sufficiency; factorization theorem; exponential families; UMVU estimators; Fisher's information; Cramer-Rao lower bound; maximum likelihood, moment estimation; invariant and robust point estimation; asymptotic properties; Bayesian point estimation.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MATH 4500, for which additional credit is precluded.

**STAT 5601 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5197)****Stochastic Optimization**

Topics chosen from stochastic dynamic programming, Markov decision processes, search theory, optimal stopping.

**STAT 5602 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5317)****Analysis of Categorical Data**

Analysis of one-way and two-way tables of nominal data; multi-dimensional contingency tables, log-linear models; tests of symmetry, marginal homogeneity in square tables; incomplete tables; tables with ordered categories; fixed margins, logistic models with binary response; measures of association and agreement.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 and STAT 5501, or permission of the School.

**STAT 5603 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5318)****Reliability and Survival Analysis**

Types of censored data; nonparametric estimation of survival function; graphical procedures for model identification; parametric models and maximum likelihood estimation; exponential and Weibull regression models; nonparametric hazard function models and associated statistical inference; rank tests with censored data applications.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5600 and STAT 5501 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5604 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5173)****Stochastic Analysis**

Brownian motion, continuous martingales, and stochastic integration.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5708 or permission of the School.

**STAT 5610 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5375)****Introduction to Mathematical Statistics**

Limit theorems. Sampling distributions. Parametric estimation. Concepts of sufficiency and efficiency. Neyman-Pearson paradigm, likelihood ratio tests. Parametric and non-parametric methods for two-sample comparisons. Notions of experimental design, categorical data analysis, the general linear model, decision theory and Bayesian inference.

Precludes additional credit for STAT 5600.

**STAT 5701 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5198)****Stochastic Models**

Markov systems, stochastic networks, queuing networks, spatial processes, approximation methods in stochastic processes and queuing theory. Applications to the modeling and analysis of computer-communications systems and other distributed networks.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as STAT 4508, for which additional credit is precluded.

**STAT 5702 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5182)****Modern Applied and Computational Statistics**

Resampling and computer intensive methods: bootstrap, jackknife with applications to bias estimation, variance estimation, confidence intervals, and regression analysis. Smoothing methods in curve estimation; statistical classification and pattern recognition: error counting methods, optimal classifiers, bootstrap estimates of the bias of the misclassification error.

**STAT 5703 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5181)****Data Mining**

Visualization and knowledge discovery in massive datasets; unsupervised learning: clustering algorithms; dimension reduction; supervised learning: pattern recognition, smoothing techniques, classification. Computer software will be used.

**STAT 5704 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5174)****Network Performance**

Advanced techniques in performance evaluation of large complex networks. Topics may include classical queueing theory and simulation analysis; models of packet networks; loss and delay systems; blocking probabilities.

**STAT 5708 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5170)****Probability Theory I**

Probability spaces, random variables, expected values as integrals, joint distributions, independence and product measures, cumulative distribution functions and extensions of probability measures, Borel-Cantelli lemmas, convergence concepts, independent identically distributed sequences of random variables.

**STAT 5709 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5171)****Probability Theory II**

Laws of large numbers, characteristic functions, central limit theorem, conditional probabilities and expectations, basic properties and convergence theorems for martingales, introduction to Brownian motion.

Prerequisite(s): STAT 5708 (MAT 5170) or permission of the School.

**STAT 5902 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5992)****Seminar in Biostatistics**

Students work in teams on the analysis of experimental data or experimental plans. The participation of experimenters in these teams is encouraged. Student teams present their results in the seminar, and prepare a brief written report on their work.

**STAT 5904 [0.5 credit] (MAT 5993)****Statistical Internship**

This project-oriented course allows students to undertake statistical research and data analysis projects as a cooperative project with governmental or industrial sponsors. Practical data analysis and consulting skills will be emphasized. The grade will be based upon oral and written presentation of results.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the graduate director.

**STAT 5909 [2.0 credits]****M.Sc. Thesis in Statistics****STAT 5910 [1.0 credit]****M.Sc. Project in Statistics**

Project in statistics supervised by a professor approved by the graduate director resulting in a major report (approximately 30-40 pages), together with a short presentation on the report. Graded by the supervisor and another professor appointed by the graduate director.

**STAT 6508 [0.5 credit]****Topics in Probability and Statistics**