



Master of Science (Biostatistics) Admissions Checklist

- ☐ **Online Application**
 - Visit [SOPHAS.org](https://sophas.org) and select “Apply”
- ☐ **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**
 - A minimum of three (3) recommendations are loaded directly to SOPHAS by your recommenders. Load their contact information in SOPHAS and they will be sent an evaluation questionnaire electronically; there is no requirement for a “letter of recommendation” composed by your evaluator, just the SOPHAS evaluation questionnaire. At least one (1) of the evaluations must be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant.
- ☐ **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:** for SOPHAS, use ETS code 4221
- ☐ **International Applicants**
 - All **foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by the World Education Services ([WES.org](https://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: **TOEFL/IELTS English Proficiency Tests**. This requirement can be waived for students who’ve earned a degree from an accredited US institution.
 - Minimum [TOEFL](https://ets.org/toefl) score: 79. Minimum [IELTS](https://ielts.org) score: 6.5.
 - Learn more at <https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores>.

Application Deadlines

- ☐ 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**

Direct all questions or inquiries to ukcph@uky.edu.