The UCLA School of Public Health provides an opportunity to contribute to a healthier and more prosperous future in Los Angeles, in the nation and around the world.

Each year, 700 students representing every region of the United States and some 35 countries are enrolled in the UCLA School of Public Health. These students are attracted not only by the School’s world-class faculty, but also by the wealth of educational opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, including hands-on internship experiences locally and abroad.

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We welcome your interest in the UCLA School of Public Health and hope you will join us in building healthy futures.

**BIOSTATISTICS**

Biostatistics applies the methodology and theory of statistics to problems in the life and health sciences. Trained in the skilled application of statistical methods to problems in public health and medicine, biostatisticians collaborate with colleagues to design effective research studies, analyze data and interpret findings in order to craft better public health policies. The field has made major contributions to scientific understanding of AIDS, cancer, genetics, bioinformatics and immunology to name a few.

The Biostatistics department provides training in statistical theory and methodology, computer systems, data management, and the interpret of methodology in the creative solution of biostatistical problems. The department’s research programs in quantitative AIDS epidemiology, exact inference in multivariate discrete data, optimal design theory and medicare survival models are well respected nationally and internationally.

All departmental degree programs include a practicum, involving collaboration between health science professionals and students. Students can also work with faculty through statistical consulting services to health science departments, centers and institutes throughout campus, collaborating with investigators in many diverse disciplines.

A degree in biostatistics prepares students for a variety of challenging positions in government, industry and education. Our biostatistics graduates have careers in teaching, research, consulting in medicine, public health, life sciences, survey research, the pharmaceutical industry, and genomics.

**Degrees Offered**

- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in Biostatistics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics (Ph.D.)

**Biostatistics Department Profile**

For the complete profile for this department, visit: [www.ph.ucla.edu/dept_bio.html](http://www.ph.ucla.edu/dept_bio.html)

**Cost of Study**

For the complete schedule of fees for the above programs, visit: [www.registrar.ucla.edu/fees/](http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/fees/)

**HOW TO APPLY**

**School-Wide Admission Requirements:**

The deadline for applications is December 1st, for admission to the following Fall Quarter. Applications received after this date may not receive full consideration for financial aid. Applications are available on-line at: [www.gdnet.ucla.edu](http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu)

To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following items to UCLA:

- UCLA Application for Graduate Admission & Application Fee
- School of Public Health Supplemental Application
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Official GRE Scores
- 3 Sealed Letters of Recommendation

**Department Admission Requirements:**

Applicants must meet the University minimum requirement of an acceptable bachelor’s degree with a B (3.0) average in upper division coursework and/or prior graduate study. Exceptionally qualified applicants may be considered on an individual basis. If undergraduate coursework has been deficient in breadth of fundamental training, students must take specified graduate courses after admission. Prior field experience is not required as a condition of admission, although a background of public health experience may be considered in the evaluation.

Applicants must perform satisfactorily in a recent Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), or Dental Admissions Test (DAT). MCAT or DAT scores are accepted only for applicants already holding M.D. or D.O. degrees. Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores are accepted only for applicants to the joint MBA/M.P.H. program. The GRE requirement may be waived for applicants with a doctoral degree from a U.S. university and five years of appropriate postdoctoral experience.

The applicant’s prior program of study should include adequate preparation in mathematics, physical sciences, biological sciences, and social sciences and typically includes two courses each in mathematics, biological sciences, social sciences, one course in physical sciences, and other courses that constitute an adequate preparation for the proposed area of specialization.

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The UCLA School of Public Health

Every day we benefit from advances in public health. From the food we eat, to the health care we receive, to the safer conditions in which we work, we are living longer, healthier lives than previous generations.

Public health saves millions at a time by
■ Preventing disease and disability
■ Promoting healthy behaviors in individuals and populations
■ Advancing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare

UCLA faculty in public health have made important discoveries and established new ways of thinking that have dramatically changed the way we approach public health issues nationally and globally.

UCLA School of Public Health researchers leading the way:
■ Established a direct link between lifestyle and longevity
■ Demonstrated the transmission of HIV-related immune deficiency among heterosexual men, preventing infection in millions
■ Led early international efforts to control the spread of HIV and AIDS
■ Discovered a relationship between chronic exposure to air pollutants and impaired respiratory function
■ Found a genetic link for susceptibility to multiple sclerosis
■ Documented the health benefits and cost savings of helmet use among motorcyclists
■ Pioneered the study of violence in the US as a public health issue
■ Identified the link between acute pesticide poisoning and permanent neurologic disorders