WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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BIOSTATISTICS TRACK DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

• Your name and preferred pronouns?
• What is your hometown?
• What is your background?
WELCOME FROM THE MSTAT PROGRAM

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HISTORY OF OUR PROGRAM

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• Founded in 1976; first graduate 1978
• Originally proposed as an MS in Biostatistics in the previous Division of Biostatistics, Department of Family and Community Medicine
• How did it become an MSTAT degree?
  – Only two state institutions: USU and UU
  – Division of specialty departments
    • Medical School at UU
    • Agriculture School USU
  – UU intentionally created a professional degree to train masters-level statistical consultants-MSTAT degree
• Interdepartmental, Interdisciplinary degree
  – No statistics or biostatistics department at UU
  – Program is facilitated by interdepartmental University Statistics Committee
The Master of Statistics program at the University of Utah is an interdepartmental and interdisciplinary program. The program awards the professional MStat degree with concentration areas in Biostatistics, Econometrics, Educational Psychology, Mathematics, and Sociology. The Master of Statistics Biostatistics track is housed within the Division of Public Health.
STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
SAC

What is the Student Advisory Committee?

What do we do?

How do you get involved?

Why should you get involved?

Email: uofupublichealthsac@gmail.com
POLICY ON COURSES AND REGISTRATION

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
ACADEMIC ADVISORS

April Sanders-Aboulila
Elizabeth Espinoza Johnson
Kelsey Townsend

All Programs + Petitions + UAC MPH
PhD + MSTAT/Biostatistics
MPH + MSPH + Certificates
ACADEMIC ADVISORS

- Your first point of contact
- Degree requirements, tuition, forms, procedures
- Problem solving
- Highlight opportunities
- Advising
- Schedule advising appointments online!
FACULTY ADVISING

• All students were assigned a faculty advisor.
• Be proactive, get involved.
• Take the initiative.
• Faculty are a great resource for career advising, and practicum and project topics.

Get to know your faculty!

Your electives must be approved by a faculty advisor!
GRADING & REGISTRATION

- A passing grade is a B- or better anything below a B- is a failing grade
- Academic Probation/Dismissal
- Continuous Registration
  - Leave of Absence
STUDENT RESOURCES

ELIZABETH JOHNSON, ACADEMIC ADVISOR
COMPUTER LAB

• Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:15 pm
• Encrypted USB required
• No food or drink in the computer lab
• Login is uNID
• Password: Same as your CIS (Campus Information System)
• Printing
  – To add money to account see front desk
  – Plan ahead, may take awhile to activate
    – Monochrome: $.05/page
    – Color: $.10/page
    – 20% discount for 2-sided pages
COMPUTING SERVICES

• Wireless available in most areas
  – onboard.utah.edu
  – Uconnect
• Microsoft Office access
• Cloud storage – box.utah.edu
• Umail-Exchange Online (O365)
• Notification Tools
  – UofU.status.io
  – Twitter feed
CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Cathy Tingstrom
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- Considering/Negotiating Offers
- Interview Preparation
- CV/Resume Review
- Job Search
- Presentation Design for Industry
- Networking
Expert literature searching
- Identifying appropriate databases and search terms
- NCBI databases and tools
- NIH Public Access compliance

24/7 access for Public Health students
OTHER UNIVERSITY OF UTAH RESOURCES

Campus Police and Safety Escorts
801-585-2677

Center for Childcare and Family Resources

Center for Ethnic Student Affairs

Counseling Center

Food Pantry

International Student & Scholar Services

LGBT Resource Center

Student Life Center

The Graduate School

Veterans Support Center

Women’s Resource Center

Writing Center (Grammarly)

All students should sign up for campus alerts. Through CIS, under the “update student profile box”, “set your U of U Campus Alert preferences”
STAY CONNECTED

- Facebook – Division of Public Health, University of Utah
- Twitter - @UUPublicHealth
- Instagram – uupublichealth
WEEKLY EMAILS

Mondays @ 5pm, from Elizabeth Johnson

Highlights

- **Public Health Grand Rounds** | Mark Williams BSc (Hons), PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Health, Kinesiology and Recreation, College of Health, University of Utah | "The Truth behind the Talent" | Tuesday, April 4 | 8:00 - 9:30 am | Classroom 203
- SAC | Join us in celebration of Public Health Week as we learn How to Save Lives | Friday, April 7 | Lunch provided at 1:30 | Class from 2-6 PM | Certification Level: Healthcare Provider | This class normally costs $30-$40, we are charging $12 a student | Register [HERE](#)
- Registration for the Fall 2017 term will begin Monday, April 10, 2017. Please note that the Division of Public Health has a new subject code for fall 2017 - PBHLT. The class schedule is now available [online](#). Please see the [academic calendar](#) for other important dates.
- For upcoming Division events please refer to our [online calendar](#) for easy access to see what is going on within the Division.
- [Monthly Division Newsletter](#)
MSTAT PRACTICUM - PBHLT 6971
& MSTAT PROJECT - PBHLT 6970

LARRY COOK, PHD
BIOSTATISTICS TRACK REPRESENTATIVE
MSTAT PRACTICUM DETAILS

• The practicum is one of the culminating experiences in the MStat-Biostatistics program. The purpose is to allow students to obtain specialized, hands-on, real-world experience in routine statistical consulting, data management, and data analysis, comparable to that in a master’s level career biostatistics position.
  – Students spend a minimum of 3-4 hours a week for one semester, or equivalent, in a direct work experience involving data management and statistical analysis, under the supervision of a mentor from the practicum site.
  – This may be paid or unpaid, but it should not ordinarily be work done at a job the student held before beginning the MStat-Biostatistics program.

Practicum Instructions: https://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/public-health/programs/mstat-biostatistics/practicum.php
MSTAT PROJECT DETAILS

• The Mstat, Biostatics project is one of the culminating experience of a student’s degree, typically centered on statistical skills used for a career as a biostatistician. All MStat, Biostatistics students are required to complete and successfully defend a project prior to graduating. Students must:
  – choose a project topic not taught in a class, that coincides with their research interests
  – create a supervisory committee which consists of MStat, Biostatistics faculty
  – complete three project credit hours (roughly 135 hours of effort)
  – write a statistical report of publishable writing quality (about 20 pages)
  – present the project at a public seminar
  – successfully defend the project

Project Instructions: https://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/public-health/programs/mstat-biostatistics/project.php
WHAT ARE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

GREG STODDARD, MS
ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FAMILY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
FACULTY ADVISOR INTRODUCTIONS
BUILDING TOUR