

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF STATISTICS [BStat]

These regulations apply to candidates admitted to the first year of study of the four-year BStat curriculum in the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Admission to the degree

- ST 1 To be eligible for admission to the BStat degree, candidates shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
 - (c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with these regulations and the syllabus.
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Period of study

ST 2 The curriculum for the BStat degree shall normally require eight semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than four academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of six academic years, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science.

Curriculum requirements and progression in curriculum

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- (a) Candidates shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
- (b) Candidates shall take not fewer than 240 credits of courses, in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabus for the BStat degree.
- (c) Candidates shall normally take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science, or except in the last semester of study when the number of outstanding credits required to complete the curriculum requirements is fewer than 24 credits.
- (d) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the approval of the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 288 credits for the normative period of study as specified in ST 2, save as provided for under ST 3(e).

- (e) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 432 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in ST 2.
 - (f) Candidates with unsatisfactory academic progress may be required by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science to take a reduced study load.
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Selection of courses

ST 4 Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus before the beginning of each semester. Any change to the selection of courses shall be made only during the add/drop period of the semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not be considered. Withdrawal from courses on medical grounds after the designated add/drop period shall be considered by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science.

Assessment and grades

ST 5 Candidates shall be assessed in each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities as specified in the syllabus. Only passed courses will earn credits. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG 8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

ST 6 Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner:

- (a) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
- (b) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
- (c) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
- (d) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

ST 7 Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a grade D or above for the purpose of upgrading.

ST 8 There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

Discontinuation of studies

ST 9 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:

- (a) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or
 - (b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
 - (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in ST 2.
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Absence from examination

ST 10 Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examinations of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the first semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall normally be made on the form prescribed within seven calendar days of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

Advanced standing

ST 11 Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies successfully completed before admission to the University in accordance with UG 2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. The number of advanced credits to be granted shall be determined by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science. Credits granted for advanced standing shall not normally be included in the calculation of the GPA unless permitted by the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

Credit transfer

ST 12 Candidates may, with the approval of the Board of Studies of the School of Computing and Data Science, transfer credits for courses completed at other institutions at any time during their candidature. The number of transferred credits may be recorded in the transcript of the candidate, but the results of courses completed at other institutions shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA. The number of credits to be transferred shall not exceed half of the total credits normally required under the degree curricula of the candidates during their candidature at the University.

Award of the degree

ST 13 To be eligible for the award of the BStat degree, candidates shall have:

- (a) satisfied all the requirements in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
 - (b) achieved a Graduation GPA of 1.00 or above; and
 - (c) passed a minimum of 240 credits as prescribed in the syllabus for the BStat degree.
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Honours classification

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- (a) Honours classification shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the BStat degree in accordance with the following Graduation GPA (GGPA) scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values¹:

<i>Class of honours</i>	<i>GGPA range</i>
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

- (b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in ST 14(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.
 - (c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all the degree requirements shall be posted on School noticeboards.
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¹ For students in the 2025-26 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six 6-credit Common Core courses, the calculation of Graduation GPA is subject to the proviso that either five 6-credit Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all five Areas of Inquiry), or all six 6-credit courses will be counted towards Graduation GPA, depending on which generates the higher Graduation GPA. For students who have successfully completed two 3-credit Common Core Microcredentials in place of one 6-credit Common Core course, the average grade point of the two 3-credit courses will be treated as the grade point of a 6-credit Common Core course.