MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STATISTICS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY®
FORT WAYNE

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The Master of Science in Mathematics incorporates recent developments in applied mathematics and statistics into a curriculum built on solid mathematical foundations.

The Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Statistics offers the knowledge and experience needed for strategic planning and quality control. Courses applied toward the certificate can also be counted toward the master’s degree.

Each of the Purdue Fort Wayne graduate programs offered by mathematical sciences is flexible, allowing you to tailor it to your needs and interests:

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- Internationally recognized degree at a fraction of the cost
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Small class sizes

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**LEARN A DIVERSE SET OF SKILLS THAT COULD LEAD TO POSITIONS SUCH AS:**

- Accountant
- Actuary
- Algorithm engineer
- Data analyst
- Data scientist
- Mathematician
- Software engineer
- Statistician
- Underwriter
- University professor

“The Purdue Fort Wayne graduate program in Mathematics was everything I was looking for and more. It was engaging, thorough, and highly interactive. The courses covered a broad range of areas and disciplines, each with significant depth, and the knowledge of the professors was outstanding. My experiences not only expanded my knowledge of mathematics, but also taught me effective ways to motivate and teach the students in my classroom.”

**Jason Barnes**

“As an undergraduate, I didn’t want to pursue a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. I earned my B.A. in chemistry and minored in mathematics. At Purdue Fort Wayne, I caught up on some of the courses I was missing in the process of pursuing my M.S. Then, after graduating from Purdue Fort Wayne, I worked at a software company for two years before deciding to pursue my PhD. Faculty at Purdue Fort Wayne were great to work with, and have always been very supportive. Dr. (Doug) Weakley was tremendously helpful in assisting me with my transition into the program at Purdue Fort Wayne.”

**Jeff Shriner**
Our Master of Mathematical Science program was redesigned to meet the needs of busy adult students. The program is now fully online, with in-person and hybrid options available.

This program is designed for students who:

- Are, or plan to be, employed in a position in business or industry that requires significant proficiency in mathematics or statistics, or
- Wish to earn HLC certification as a secondary school teacher, or
- Wish to enter a doctoral program in mathematics or statistics

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics is designed to give engineers and technical managers the statistical knowledge and experience needed for good planning and quality control.

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**GET TO KNOW OUR PROFESSORS**

**Alan Legg, PhD**

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Dr. Legg’s [website](leggar01@pfw.edu)

In recent semesters, Alan designed online sections for Purdue Fort Wayne's graduate courses in Linear Algebra and Number Theory. He's happy to be able to implement these courses for online students at the same high standard as the on-campus sections. His research is in complex analysis and potential theory.
**Yuan Zhang, PhD**  
Associate Professor  
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Dr. Zhang’s website

Yuan’s main research areas are in complex analysis and partial differential equations. She has been lecturing graduate courses in the past semesters, such as real analysis and partial differential equations, with flexibility both in-person and online. In the future, Yuan expects to (re)design more courses that incorporate her research into teaching in depth and serve to facilitate the math graduate program.

**Alessandro Selvitella, PhD**  
Assistant Professor of Data Science & Applied Statistics  
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Dr. Selvitella’s website

Alessandro is an Assistant Professor of Data Science and Applied Statistics in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Purdue University Fort Wayne. He received a BSc and an MSc in Mathematics from Università degli Studi di Milano (Milan, Italy), a PhD in Mathematical Analysis from SISSA (Trieste, Italy), and an MSc and a Ph.D in Statistics from McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada).

Alessandro is the lead organizer of many activities at PFW, including Thematic Program on Data Science and COVID-19 2020-2021, the Data Science Week, the Data Science and Machine Learning Seminar Series, and the project-based courses Data Science Methods in Epidemiology Part I and II.

All of Alessandro’s activities are grounded in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, as well as collaboration, interdisciplinary, and community impact. Students with the most diverse backgrounds have enriched the research activities of his lab. Over 100 students have participated in Alessandro’s research, with over 50 student projects in the past couple of years. Several of his students have successfully applied to industry and academic positions, such as graduate student positions in top US schools and internships in local companies, and presented their work in local and international conferences, such as GLBIO 2021 and the Data Science Week.
Betsy Berry, PhD

Betsy Berry has been an Associate Professor of Mathematics Education since 2005 after completing her PhD at Purdue West Lafayette. Her teaching responsibilities include mathematics foundational content courses for elementary education majors and methods of teaching for secondary education majors. She also teaches courses in college geometry and supervises student teachers in their practicum experiences.

Her passion is in the teaching and learning of mathematics. She has many years’ experience in teaching at all levels from middle school through university as well as providing professional development programs for practicing teachers. Prior to teaching at the university level, she was a regional and state facilitator of mathematics for the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance and served as director and P.I. for National Science Foundation and Maine-Department of Education grant projects. All of these experiences inform her work in the preparation of future teachers and the professional development of practicing teachers.

Betsy is active in the Hoosier Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (HAMTE) as well as NCSM and NCTM, and is a regular presenter at local, state, and national conferences. Internationally, she has collaborated with at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia on projects involving children’s developing understanding of math models and curriculum development and professional development for teachers in schools with majority indigenous populations.

At Purdue University Fort Wayne, she received an Assessment Award for her innovative classroom assessment approach, the Sigma Xi Teacher of the Year Award and the Friends of the University Outstanding Teacher Award.

Beyond the classroom, she earned her private pilot’s license, races with a lightning sailing team on Lake Wawasee, and has run seven marathons.
Drake Olejniczak, PhD
Assistant Professor
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Drake’s favorite classes to teach include Multivariate Calculus and Graph Theory. In recent semesters, Drake has designed online versions of these courses and has implemented a flipped-classroom model for the in-person sections of these courses. He continues to explore innovative teaching methods that result in an active, exciting classroom experience for his students. His research interests are in combinatorics and graph theory. One of his major topics of research is Ramsey Theory, which generally seeks to answer the question, "Under what conditions is order guaranteed to appear in a chaotic system?" He is also interested in the topic of network science - an application of graph theory to data science.

Yvonne Zubovic, PhD
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Mathematician John Tukey once said, "The best thing about being a statistician is that you get to play in everyone's backyard." This is Yvonne's favorite aspect of her work at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Although her main interest is in applying statistical analysis methods to a variety of problems in biological and medical fields, she's had the opportunity to work on statistical design and analysis on the research frontiers in business, education, ecology, and geology, to name a few. This work motivates her own research in developing new statistical methodology to analyze problems with limited data. It also provides her experiences to draw upon in teaching theory and application courses such as Data Analysis for the Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics. With the recent advances in data science, Yvonne is able to play in a new backyard, both in consulting work and her own research. Yvonne looks forward to teaching improved statistical modeling methods to the next generation of statisticians.
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS (30 CREDIT HOURS)

The Master of Science in Mathematics is suitable for individuals in a business or industry that requires significant mathematics application. This program incorporates applied mathematics into a curriculum based on a sound mathematical foundation.

For admission, you need a background including linear algebra, statistics, and differential equations.

The course of study requires completion of 30 credit hours, which include core mathematics courses, and additional graduate level courses with substantial mathematical or statistical content. They may be from areas such as physics, engineering, or business, as well as statistics, mathematics, or computer science.

All classes are online, with in-person and hybrid options.

MATHEMATICS CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 CREDIT HOURS):

MA 51100  Linear Algebra with Applications
MA 54000  Analysis I
STAT 51900  Introduction to Probability

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

MA 52100  Introduction to Optimization Theory
MA 52500  Introduction to Complex Analysis
STAT 52800  Introduction to Mathematical Statistics

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDIT HOURS):

Credits in additional courses are approved by your advisory committee. The courses are to be selected from graduate-level courses in mathematics or statistics, but may include courses from computer science, engineering, physics, or business appropriate for your emphasis.
POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STATISTICS

The Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Statistics is designed to give technical managers and engineers the statistical knowledge and experience needed for good planning and quality control. For admission, you need to have had calculus and a statistics course.

Courses applied toward this certificate may also be used toward the master’s degree.

REQUIRED COURSES (6 CREDIT HOURS)

- STAT 51900 Introduction to Probability
- STAT 52800 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics

TWO OF THE FOLLOWING: (6 CREDIT HOURS)

- STAT 51200 Applied Regression Analysis
- STAT 51400 Design of Experiments
- STAT 51800 Introduction to Statistical Learning
- STAT 52000 Time Series and Applications

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requires a grade of B- or better in each course. At most one course may be transferred from another institution.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR PFW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

To earn the post-baccalaureate certificate in applied statistics, prospective students should meet the requirements for Purdue Fort Wayne graduate admission. These include:

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 with the possibility of conditional admission for those who do not meet this requirement
- Additional information can be found here
**Application Deadlines**

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**Steps to Apply**

1. **Application**: To begin your application create an account through the portal at pfw.edu/grad-apply. Applicants can make and save changes before submitting by logging in with the username and password used to create the account.

2. **Application Fee**: The Graduate School application fee is $60 (U.S. dollars) for domestic applicants and $75 (U.S. dollars) for international applicants. Your application will not be processed until your nonrefundable application fee has been paid.

3. **Transcripts**: Through the application portal, you must upload transcript(s) and/or academic document(s) for every institution of higher education you attended regardless of whether or not a degree was received. If a degree was received then it must be printed on the transcripts. If no degree conferral is printed on the transcripts then a copy of the original diploma (degree certificate) is needed. If the documents are not in English, you must upload an English translation certified by the college or university that issued it. For those who have completed degrees in the People’s Republic of China, you will also be required to submit the Graduation Certificate.

4. **Statement of Purpose (Essay)**: The statement of purpose should be 300-500 words concerning your purpose for undertaking or continuing graduate study, your reasons for wanting to study at Purdue Fort Wayne, and your research interests, professional plans, and career goals. You also may explain any special circumstances applicable to your background and elaborate on your scholarly publications, awards, achievements, abilities, and/or professional history.

5. **Recommendations**: These are not required for the certificate program. For the master’s program, submit names of three individuals who are qualified to evaluate your academic or on-the-job performance who can attest to your ability to pursue a graduate degree. If possible, at least two recommendations should be from professors. In the online application to the Purdue Graduate School, once you click “Send to Recommender,” each individual will receive an email with instructions for submitting their recommendation online. Once submitted, the graduate program to which you applied will have access to view your recommendation(s).

**Official Transcripts**

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne  
Office of Graduate Studies  
2101 E Coliseum Blvd., KT 140  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Domestic transcripts must be mailed directly from a Registrar’s office to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (You can choose to send the transcripts yourself, but the transcripts must be in an envelope sealed by the Registrar).
All international applicants must also submit the following items to be considered for admission:

1. English Proficiency Scores:

   Routine waivers of an English Proficiency exam are granted for applicants who have been conferred a baccalaureate or graduate or professional degree within the last 24 months from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction in a country/location where English is the native language.

   Please visit purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-toefl.html which gives the detailed description of English proficiency requirements

   - TOEFL for Non-Native English Speakers
     Minimum Paper-Delivered Test - no overall score reported with the following minimum section requirements:
     - Reading: 19
     - Writing: 18
     - Listening: 14
     Minimum Internet-Based Test (IBT) Overall Score: 80 with the following minimum section requirements:
     - Reading: 19
     - Speaking: 18
     - Listening: 14
     - Writing: 18

   - IELTS (Academic Module): An alternative to the TOEFL, overall band score of 6.5 or higher with minimum section requirements:
     - Reading: 6.5
     - Listening: 6.0
     - Speaking: 6.0
     - Writing: 5.5

   - ELS - Certificate Level 112

2. Transcript Evaluation

   International Applicants must submit original and certified copies for every institution of higher education attended. All documents must be submitted in both English and in the original language. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.

3. Proof of Financial Support

   An official letter and financial statement from a bank, company, or government sponsor indicating the availability of sufficient funds to pay for your tuition and living expenses is required.

4. Visa and/or Permanent Resident Card (PRC)

   INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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