

Information for Incoming Students in the Department of Biostatistics

The Department of Biostatistics welcomes you to the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. We look forward to meeting you in the Fall term.

In addition to the information provided by the Fielding School of Public Health Student Services Office and the Division of Graduate Education, below are additional items to help guide for your studies in Biostatistics this Fall 2025.

- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Biostatistics Courses](#)
- [UCLA log on](#)
- [Transportation and Parking](#) and student [parking information](#)

For the most updated schedule of classes and deadline changes [click here](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email

All Biostatistics students are required to have UCLA email accounts. Please visit the [Bruin Online website](#) to create a new e-mail account. For a complete listing of services, software, etc. available via Bruin Online, please visit their web site at <http://www.bol.ucla.edu>

After you create your UCLA email please update it with me [here](#) by **June 16th**. Please note this email should be your official email associated with your UCLA Log On and **the email you will check regularly**.

Slack

You will receive an invitation to join the Biostatistics Workspace on Slack in the coming months from Biostatistics. Please let us know if you do not get it by June 30th.

Although most of the communication I send is via Slack there are instances when certain official matters need to be communicated to you via email.

Change of Address

If your email and/or mailing address changes you must update your contact information on [MyUCLA](#). It is **EXTREMELY** important that your updated contact information is current on the UCLA system.

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STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

Fielding School of Public Health New Student Orientation

Fielding School of Public Health/Biostatistics Department Orientation
FSPH will communicate more information to you in the coming months regarding orientation dates.

In addition to the Fielding School of Public Health and Graduate Division incoming student activities, the Graduate Student Resource Center is sponsoring a general introduction to campus services and offices that are of specific importance to new graduate students.

New Graduate Student Orientation

Date: Monday, September 22 & Tuesday, September 23 (Location TBD)

For more information and to register, please visit the [Graduate Student Orientation](#) page.

Entering Graduate Student Welcome Reception

TBD --for more information and to RSVP, visit the [UCLA Graduate Division](#) page.

RESIDENCY

Establishing California Residency for Tuition Purposes (US Citizens and Permanent Residents)

Domestic students who are not California residents will need to establish residency to avoid assessment of nonresident tuition. In order to establish your residency, certain requirements must be met. Please refer to the Registrar's [web page](#) or contact the Residence Deputy for more information on establishing California Residency. This is very important. Otherwise, you may have to pay non-resident tuition during your second year.

Residence Deputy
UCLA Registrar's Office
1113 Murphy Hall
Box 951429
Los Angeles CA 90095-1429

E-mail: residence deputy@registrar.ucla.edu
Phone: (310) 825-3447

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We encourage you to review the Dashew Center for International Students [newly admitted website](#) as this will answer many of your questions.

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ESL Placement Examination (MANDATORY EXAM for International Students)

You must take the [ESL Placement Examination \(ESLPE\)](#) at UCLA if you are a non-native speaker of English and you are new to the United States. If you are a non-native speaker of English but you are not new to the United States, you may also be required to take the ESLPE (for example: if you were required to submit a TOEFL score when you applied to UCLA, you will need to take the ESLPE.) You should take the ESLPE before the Fall 2025 quarter begins. To register for the exam, visit the [ESLPE](#) web page.

ESLPE Schedule for Fall Quarter 2025 will be coming shortly, please visit regularly [ESLPE](#) to check. (You must be registered for ESLPE in order to take the exam.)

Note: that you will not be able to graduate if you have not successfully completed this ESL Placement Examination.

Test of Oral Proficiency (TOP)

The TOP exam is designed to test oral English ability of international graduate students as they pertain to Teaching Assistant duties. These duties may include, but are not limited to, conducting discussion sections and/or labs, holding office hours, and interacting in English with undergraduate students in the course of normal TA duties. It is **not** designed to test teaching skills or knowledge of subject matter. International graduate students must pass the TOP exam before working as a TA in any department at UCLA. Please visit [UCLA Writing Programs](#) for more information and test dates.

ENROLLMENT

Please refer to the [Graduate Division Orientation Handbook](#) which contains information on how to register, how to enroll, and how to access [UCLA log on](#). For the most updated enrollment information visit [the registrar's web site](#). Course enrollment for fall 2025 quarter will begin on Thursday, June 16th and instruction begins Thursday, September 25.

Your academic advisor assignment and departmental Handbook will be provided to you in the coming months, prior to classes commencing. The Biostatistics [Student Handbook](#) (link on left sidebar) will be your resource for degree requirements and study list guidance to help you navigate through the department during your time here. The 2025-2026 handbook will be finalized by September. But you can review the prior academic year 2024-2025 for reference.

Course Suggestions for Entering Students

MS: Biostatistics 200A, Biostatistics 216, Biostatistics 203A and/or Public Health C150/C201 or HPM M242, or Biostat Special Topics.

PhD: Biostatistics 200A, Biostatistics 216, Biostatistics Special Topics, such as Biostat 203A or Math 131A, or Public Health C150/C201 or HPM M242.

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MPH: Biostatistics 201A, Biostatistics 203A

Note for PhD Students: Depending on your previous course work and the recommendation of your advisor, your study list may vary. If you are unsure reach out to Roxy or to your academic advisor once one is assigned.

TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES

Tuition and Registration fees must be paid prior to each term. Fees can be paid by check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover), or cash. View the [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates. Visit the [Graduate Division website](#) for detailed information on the current graduate student fee rates.

BRUINCARD (Student ID)

[BruinCard](#) is the official campus identification for UCLA, and is required for all students, faculty, and staff. Your BruinCard also serves as your library card, recreation card (Wooden Center), door access card, and much, much more! The BruinCard is free to all students. The replacement cost for a lost/stolen card is \$25.00. Report lost or stolen cards ASAP online at the [BruinCard website](#), by calling 310-825-2336, online at <https://bruincard.ucla.edu/contact-us>, or by visiting a BruinCard Center. Please visit bruincard.ucla.edu portal before July 1 for information on how to obtain a bruin card.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Parking spaces are limited, please be sure to submit your application by the due date. Please visit the [Transportation and Parking website](#) for an application and more information.

Other Means of Transportation

Options include vanpools, carpools, buspools, public transit, bicycles, scooters and motorcycles. The [BruinGo!](#) program allows members of the UCLA community to ride the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Culver City Bus at a reduced fare, using their BruinCards. Go Metro program offers discounted quarterly transit passes for Metro bus and rail lines. A comprehensive look at [campus transportation options](#) is available courtesy of UCLA Transportation. For more information call (310) 794-7433 or stop by 555 Westwood Plaza, Room 200.

UCLA HOUSING

Most graduate students plan their own living arrangements. You can check the [UCLA Community Housing Office](#) and the [Daily Bruin's](#) classifieds for listings. In addition, there are housing listings in the [LA Times](#), [Craigslist](#), and through professional listing services, such as www.westsiderentals.com. Please note that housing at UCLA is limited and you should apply early.

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Fall 2025 Important Academic Dates

Please visit the UCLA [Academic Calendar](#) for a full list of important due dates and deadlines.

Quarter begins	Monday, September 22
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 25
Study List deadline (becomes official)	Friday, October 10
Veterans Day holiday	Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 27-28
Instruction ends	Friday, December 5
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 8-12
Quarter ends	Friday, December 12
Christmas holiday	Wednesday-Thursday, December 24-25
New Year's Eve/Day holiday	Wednesday-Thursday, December 31-January 1, 2026
Winter campus closure	TBD

Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (Foreign Students)

The Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (DCISS) is located at 417 Charles E. Young Dr. West, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1379, (310) 825-1681. DCISS office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please visit the [DCISS](#) home page for more information. ALL international students must register for and attend one of the following MANDATORY New Intl Student & Scholars Orientation (NISSO) during the fall quarter at UCLA. These Orientations focus on how you, as an international student, must maintain your visa status while at UCLA.

Please register and plan to attend ONE of the following NISSO Sessions by going to [DCISS](#).

Useful Links

- [Student Housing](#)
- [Campus Information](#)
- [Graduate Division Orientation Website](#)
- [myUCLA](#)
- [Campus Map](#)

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Student Employment Opportunities

Almost all doctoral students are able to find employment in the form Teaching Assistant or Graduate Researcher. Many Master's students are also able to find employment, especially after they have completed their first quarter or if they have completed certain courses (such as Biostat 203A). Graduate Student Researcher and Teaching Assistants may also carry fee remissions benefits in addition to the standard salary pay. Opportunities are posted on Slack in their respective channels as they become available. Make sure to join the **various** jobs channels so that you receive the announcements for these opportunities.

You may also apply for positions in any other department on campus by contacting the department representative directly. Please visit the following site for information on campus opportunities: <https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/working-at-ucla/academic-student-employees-appointments-union-contract/>.

Study Cubicles for Biostatistics Students

The Department of Biostatistics has office space rooms for Biostatistics graduate students in A1-228 CHS and A1-227 CHS. Graduate students may use this as study rooms during FSPH building hours. Assignments to cubicles are reviewed annually in the fall quarter. Students are asked to fill out an application and priority is given to students who do not have other office space. Students who are not assigned a cubicle can use any cubicle that is unoccupied at the time. Please email Roxy Naranjo during the second week of fall quarter for more information.

Student Mailboxes

Each student has their own mailbox in the Biostatistics Department Main Office – CHS 51-254.

Additional Links:

- Campus Map: <https://www.maps.ucla.edu/?id=2043#!ct/75713?s/>
- Bruin Online - Email Account: <http://www.bol.ucla.edu/>
- UCLA Graduate Division: <https://grad.ucla.edu/>
- UCLA Graduate Division Orientation Handbook: <https://grad.ucla.edu/academics/graduate-study/new-students-orientation/>
- UCLA Graduate School Survival Guide: <https://grad.ucla.edu/asis/library/survivalguide.pdf>
- UCLA Graduate Student Resource Center: <http://gsrc.ucla.edu/>
- UCLA Graduate Writing Center: <https://gwc.gsrc.ucla.edu/>
- Student Health Services: <http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/>
- Counseling & Psychological Services: <http://www.counseling.ucla.edu/>

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- CSO Escort & Evening Van Services: <https://www.police.ucla.edu/cso/evening-escorts>
- FSPH Career Services: <https://ph.ucla.edu/students/student-career-professional-development>
- Job Search Websites: <https://jobs.ucla.edu/careers-home>
- UCLA Recreation: <http://www.recreation.ucla.edu/>

Congratulations and welcome to the Biostatistics Department in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health!

For questions, please email [Roxy Naranjo](#).