

Frequently asked MS/PhD Questions

1. What is your minimum GRE score?
 - We typically look for a GRE score in the mid-high 160's for the quantitative portion of the test.
2. Do I need to take the TOEFL exam?
 - If you have a degree from a US institution you do not need to take the TOEFL exam. If you have a foreign degree you do need to take the TOEFL exam.
3. What are the required TOEFL/ IELTS scores?
 - The minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score for admission without condition is 213 (computer-based) or 80 (Internet-based) and 550 (paper-based).
 - The minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score for admission without condition is 6.5.
4. Does your program offer financial help?
 - Every student accepted into our program automatically receives a paid Graduate Teaching Assistant position. This covers your tuition (except for your fees) and pays an average of \$1800.00 per month.
 - For other financial questions please contact the office of Student Financial Services, <http://sfs.colostate.edu/>
5. What is the deadline for my application to get into the upcoming Fall MS/PhD program?
 - Our application deadline is February 1st of that year, decisions are typically made by mid to late March.
 - Please note that our program only starts in the Fall.
6. What is required for your application?
 - Test scores, resume, statement of purpose, transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation.
7. How does your program work?
 - All of our students come into the program as MS students. In order to get into the PhD program they must test into it. They have two chances to test into the PhD program, if they fail both times they are required to graduate with a MS in Statistics and are not allowed to continue into the PhD program.

8. What are the pre-requisites for your program?
 - The undergraduate major of a prospective student is not important. However, since some undergraduate level exposure to certain concepts from mathematics and statistics is a prerequisite for our master's program, it is desirable to have had at least three semesters of calculus and a course in linear algebra, plus a minimum of six credits of upper division statistics. Experience with at least one major computer programming language is also recommended.

9. What is the rate of admittance to your program?
 - We typically accept 10-15 new MS/PhD students per year. We accept equal numbers of U.S. and international students. We typically have 150-200 students apply each year so our program is quite competitive.