Prospective Students: Application FAQ’s

What departmental code should I use for the GRE Subject Test and TOEFL reports?

The Department of Statistics does not have its own code; for the GRE Mathematics Subject Test and TOEFL you should use 5199 (“all other departments”). The institution code for the UW is 4854. The GRE must be taken within five years of application. TOEFL test scores are valid for two years and must be valid on the date the application is submitted.

Do I need to submit a GRE Subject Test?

No, but we highly recommend the GRE Subject Test. We do not require the GRE General Test.

I took the GRE/TOEFL multiple times. Which scores will you receive or consider?

The application will upload all valid score reports and all scores will be reviewed by the admissions committee.

I submitted my test scores for a previous year’s application. Do I need to resend them?

If you previously sent your test scores to the University of Washington, you do not need to resend them if they are still valid. These scores are retained on file and can be used for a future application. If the scores were sent for another program’s application, they can also still be used and the system will link them to your application.

Can I get the application fee waived?

U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents may request a fee waiver during the Graduate School online application process. Unfortunately there are no waivers available for international applicants.
Am I exempt from the TOEFL if I do not yet have a degree from an English-language institution but will have it before the admission quarter?

Yes, applicants who have or WILL RECEIVE a degree from an English-language institution before enrollment in our program are EXEMPT from the TOEFL. Leave the English Proficiency question blank. It will tell you the section is incomplete, but you may ignore this and still submit your application.

My education was in English. Do I still need to submit a TOEFL score?

Applicants whose degree was granted by an institution in Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago or the United Kingdom are automatically exempt from the TOEFL. If your education was from another country than those listed, you should provide documentation verifying that your undergraduate degree is from an institution where all instruction is in English. Please refer to Memo 8 for details - https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-8-graduate-school-english-language-proficiency-requirements/.

I put the wrong department code on my test score request. Will it still reach you?

Yes. Scores are matched at the Graduate Admissions Office by name, social security number and/or birthdate. If they are not the same, their system will fail to make an automatic match.

How strict is your deadline?

Complete applications must be received by the deadline to be considered. While we make every effort to notify applicants of missing items in time for them to complete their applications, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials reach us by the deadline.
My test score(s) will not be reported until after your deadline. Will you still consider my application?

Applications received or completed after the deadline will be considered late and will not be reviewed unless there is still space available in the program.

Can I apply for Winter, Spring, or Summer quarter?

No, we accept applications only for Autumn quarter.

May I apply to transfer from a current UW graduate program, or obtain a concurrent degree in your program?

Current University of Washington graduate students seeking either a transfer to our program or an informal concurrent degree from our program should submit a Graduate School application. You must meet the same deadline as all other applicants for admission consideration.

My TOEFL score is over two years old. Can I still use it?

The TOEFL score must be less than two years old (at the time of application), unless you have or will receive a Bachelor, Master or Doctoral degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution (within the U.S.) or from an institution in Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, or the United Kingdom by the time of enrollment in our program, in which case you are exempt from taking the TOEFL.

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Do I need to submit official transcripts?

For the application, we do not need official transcripts. If you are admitted to the program, the Graduate School will need an official transcript from your most recent degree-granting institution.

I submitted unofficial transcripts, but when I check my application status, it says “official transcript not received”. What should I do?

You may ignore this message. It as an automatic notification sent to all applicants for all University departments, because some departments do require official transcripts. If you are ADMITTED to the program, the University will require official transcripts, but you should NOT send them until after an admission decision is made.

How do I know if my application is complete?

Please check your application status page after submitting your application to track receipt of test scores and recommendation letters. If you have uploaded the required materials and your test scores and letters have been received, then your application is complete. Please rely on the application status page only; disregard any section of the application that refers to your application being incomplete or complete (our department does not utilize this function).

May I apply to two separate departments at the UW (for example, Statistics and Biostatistics)?

Yes. You will need to submit two separate applications and fees.