

University of Pennsylvania, Biotechnology Master's Program
Statistics Requirement Waiver

Students of the Biotechnology Master's Program are required to complete one credit unit (1 cu) of an approved graduate level statistics course. In certain situations, students may waive this requirement due to prior experience. Usually, a waiver is granted for prior in-depth coursework in probability and statistics. This decision is made by the Biotechnology Office on a case by case basis and must be accompanied by supporting documentation. Please note this form is the ONLY way to request a waiver.

INSTRUCTIONS - READ THOROUGHLY

Step 1: Please fill out this form on the computer. When completing the section describing why you feel the statistics requirement should be waived, please be as thorough as possible and attach any supporting documentation to the form as a single PDF file with a maximum of five pages in length that shows your knowledge and background (course description/syllabus, transcript, resume, etc.).

Step 2: Students who are approved for the statistics waiver still must complete 11 course units. Therefore, students must provide an alternative course (to be placed on the "Replacement Course" lines below) that they will be taking in place of the statistics requirement.

Step 3: Submit the completed form with all supporting documentation as a single PDF file to biotech@seas.upenn.edu. Once reviewed, you will be notified via email of the decision. If approved, you are responsible for registering yourself for the replacement course you have listed below through Penn-in-Touch.

APPROVAL OF THIS WAIVER PERMITS YOU TO TAKE ONLY THE REPLACEMENT COURSE YOU INDICATED BELOW INSTEAD OF A STATISTICS COURSE.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Penn Email: _____ Program Track: _____

Replacement Course Title: _____

Replacement Course ID (ex: BIOL-402-001): _____ Semester/Year: _____

Describe why you feel that your statistics requirement should be waived:

WARNING: Your form will not be reviewed without all required supporting documents (see 'Step 1' above)

Approve

Deny

Biotech Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return form with all supporting documents to the Biotechnology Program Office or via email biotech@seas.upenn.edu