

RE: Request for continued support of our MS exam arrangement

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Dear Xinyi,

Thank you for your inquiry. Yes, you may maintain your schedule for MS examinations. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have other questions. Remember that the %change in your program will determine the level of review that is required. If these are >50%, review by ODHE is required.

Best wishes,

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Dear Dean Miriti,

My name is Xinyi Xu, and I serve as the Vice Chair for Graduate Studies in the Statistics Department. Our department is currently undergoing a curriculum redesign, aimed at better meeting the evolving needs of our graduate students. This involves updating the selection of required and elective courses, while keeping the learning goals and assessment plan of the graduate programs. As part of this comprehensive review, we would like to ask for your continued support for our MS exam arrangement.

Our MS exam currently caters to two groups:

- MS students in Statistics opting for the non-thesis route.
- PhD students in Statistics or Biostatistics pursuing an MS degree en route to their doctorate.

The coursework for the first year of both the MS and PhD programs is identical, with the exam designed to assess students' mastery of the core courses. The exam is scheduled for May following their first year, with a second chance in August if needed. This timing is critical for guiding both MS and PhD students in selecting their second-year courses based on their MS exam results.

This MS exam arrangement was formally approved by the Graduate School during our semester conversion. Its effectiveness has been clearly demonstrated over the past decade. For your reference, please find the details on page 5 of the following proposal:

https://oaa.osu.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/caa/meetings/2010-11/2011-01-26/Master%20of%20Science%20Program%20in%20Statistics_LOW.pdf

and on page 10 of the meeting minutes:

https://oaa.osu.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/caa/meetings/2010-11/2011-01-26/CAAM_2011-01-26.pdf

Given its proven success, we'd like to keep this exam structure in the revised curriculum. Could you please confirm that the Graduate School supports our current exam arrangement for the MS program as before, so that we can maintain it going forward? If you have any questions or would like any further information, we would be happy to meet and discuss this in detail.

Thanks,
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