



Academic Year 2026-2027

MSc in STATISTICAL DATA SCIENCE *

ANNOUNCEMENT - Second Call for Applications

The Department of Statistics of the Athens University of Economics and Business has been offering a Master's level Postgraduate Program in Statistics since the academic year 1995–1996. The program titled “**Master’s Degree in Statistical Data Science**” (*Government Gazette 3430/ Vol. B’/16-6-2026*) aims to provide specialized postgraduate-level knowledge to graduates of Greek universities and recognized foreign institutions in the core areas of Statistics and Probability.

More specifically, the program focuses on training postgraduate students in the following fields: a) Probability Theory, b) Statistical Inference, c) Applied Statistics, d) Computational Statistics, e) Theory and Applications of Stochastic Processes.

The program accepts holders of first-cycle university degrees from Greek institutions or equivalent recognized foreign institutions accredited by DOATAP. Final-year students are also eligible to apply; if admitted, they may enroll in the program provided they complete their studies by the September 2026 examination period.

Applicants must submit their application to the Secretariat of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the School of Information Sciences and Technology. **Selection criteria** include: degree grade, performance in undergraduate courses relevant to the program, academic publications, any professional experience, and qualitative criteria such as (indicatively): university and department of origin, type of research and/or professional experience, knowledge of the English language, knowledge of another foreign language, personal interview, and letters of recommendation from faculty members and/or employers.

Candidate evaluation is carried out by a committee that assesses, ranks, and recommends to the Department Assembly the order of priority of successful candidates based on the above criteria. This process may be conducted either as a single phase or in stages, during which candidates’ qualifications are progressively evaluated, and those who do not meet the criteria of previous stages are excluded. After the evaluation process is completed, a list of successful candidates and alternates is drawn up. Successful candidates are notified by the Program Secretariat and are given a deadline to accept or decline their place. It is noted that the amount paid to secure a place (€500), which forms part of the tuition fees, is non-refundable unless the candidate’s application for a tuition fee waiver based on financial criteria is accepted by the program (see below, paragraph 7). If places become available because admitted candidates do not accept them, they are subsequently offered to alternates. If vacancies remain, a supplementary application round will be announced until September 2026.

The duration of the program is set at three (3) semesters, including the completion of the Master’s thesis. To obtain the degree, the following are required: a) Mandatory attendance and successful completion of courses, short courses, and research seminars corresponding to sixty (60) ECTS credits. b) Completion of a Master’s thesis corresponding to thirty (30) ECTS credits.

Attendance in the program requires payment of tuition fees. For the academic year 2026–2027, **tuition fees** amount to €4,000 per student and are paid in installments.

Selected postgraduate students may be awarded **scholarships** as follows:

- **Entrance Excellence Scholarship:** Covers up to 50% of tuition fees and may be awarded only to holders of a bachelor's degree with excellent performance (i.e., a degree grade of at least 8.51).
- **Performance Scholarship:** Awarded solely based on students' academic performance in the courses of the four semesters of the program.
- **Financial Criteria Scholarship:** Students of the program are fully exempt from tuition fees if their individual income (if they have their own income) and their family's equivalent disposable income do not exceed, respectively, 100% (individual) and 70% (family) of the national median equivalent disposable income, according to the most recently published data of the Hellenic Statistical Authority. The number of students receiving this exemption cannot exceed 30% of the total number of students admitted to the program. If eligible applicants exceed this percentage, they are ranked and selected starting from those with the lowest income. For the implementation of this provision, income from the two most recent tax years (for which tax clearance has been completed at the time of selection) is considered. Applications for tuition fee exemption are submitted after the completion of the student selection process.

Number of student places: Forty (40). Courses are expected to begin in October 2026.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their **application through the online platform:** https://e-graduate.applications.aueb.gr/?lang=en_US

along with the following documents:

- **Copy of degree** (for graduates). Final-year students must submit a declaration stating that their admission is conditional upon obtaining their degree by the September examination period that follows.
- **Copy of final academic transcript.** Final-year students must submit their most recent transcript.
- **Letters of recommendation** (submitted through the application system, or sent by email, or delivered in a sealed envelope to the Secretariat).
- **Detailed curriculum vitae**, including references to any published scientific work and relevant professional experience.
- **Short statement of purpose** explaining the reasons for pursuing postgraduate studies.
- Proof of good knowledge of the **English language**, demonstrated by an appropriate language certificate.
- **ID card or passport.**
- **Recent photograph** (ID-type, color or black-and-white).

It is clarified that all the above documents must be submitted through the online application (as file attachments). If the candidate is admitted to the program, they will subsequently be required to submit printed copies as requested.

Application deadline: <u>Monday 14 September 2026</u>
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For clarifications and further information, interested candidates may contact the **Secretariat of Postgraduate Studies** (47A Evelpidon & 33 Lefkados Street, 7th floor, Office 705, Ms. Argyro Smyrnakis and Ms. Maro Chrysanthopoulou, tel. +30 210 8203681 or +30 210 8203692, e-mail: masterst@aueb.gr).

Detailed informational material is available on the program's website: <https://www.aueb-analytics.gr/>

** The above-mentioned Postgraduate Program is the continuation of the former **MSc Program in Statistics**. The curriculum remains unchanged.*

Athens, July 6th 2026

The Director

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Professor Dimitris Karlis

The Rector

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Professor Vasilis Vasdekis

*** The signatures are on the original document kept in the Secretariat's archive*