

Statistical Methods Minor

To Prepare Future Statisticians for the Industry

Goal Description:

To help students learn how to collect, organize, and analyze real world data using statistical methods and computational tools to help them to make an optimal decision.

Providing Department: Statistical Methods Minor

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

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To Prepare Students for Their Graduate Study

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Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

Closing Summary

We will have a new BSDS program and a new Data Science minor in our department starting the next semester. Statistics faculty members will be actively working with students in these programs together.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

The BSDS and DS minor are up and running.

New Plan for Continuous Improvement

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