

U Penn Biotechnology Master's Program  
**STATISTICS REQUIREMENT WAIVER**

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*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. This decision is made by the Biotechnology office on a case by case basis and must be accompanied by supporting documentation. This form is the ONLY way to request a waiver. No approval will be granted verbally or via email.*

**INSTRUCTIONS - READ THOROUGHLY**

**STEP 1:** Fill out the student section of this form. Students who are approved for the statistics waiver still must complete 11 course units. Students must provide an alternative course that they will be taking in place of the statistics requirement.

**STEP 2:** Fill out the section describing why you feel the statistics requirement should be waived. Please be as thorough as necessary and attach any supporting documentation (course description/syllabus and transcript). Typically, prior coursework in probability and statistics is required.

**Step 3:** Submit the completed form with the to the Biotechnology Office, 111 Towne Building. Once reviewed, you will be notified via email of the decision. It takes approximately 1 to 2 weeks. If approved, you are responsible for registering yourself for the replacement course through Penn InTouch as you would be for any other course.

**APPROVAL OF THIS WAIVER PERMITS YOU TO TAKE THE INDICATED COURSE INSTEAD OF A STATISTICS COURSE.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Biotech Track: \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Course ID: (eg BIOL-402-001) \_\_\_\_\_ Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

***Describe why you feel that the statistics requirement should be waived. Attach additional sheets or supporting documentation (such as course description and transcript) this form.***

**WARNING: Your form will not be reviewed unless all required supporting information is submitted with the form!**

**SUBMIT BY EMAIL**

**APPROVE**                       **DENY**

Biotech Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_