

**Statistics BS and MS Program Review: Provost**

**Comments:**

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comprehensive examination and the project has been good, and the exit/alumni surveys

indicate that students are very satisfied with their program and are successful in

Overall the MS in Statistics is serving its modest number of students well, and since the program's courses generally have substantial enrollments including students from a wide variety of other fields, it is cost-effective. In addition to encouraging some of the graduate students in other fields to pursue a concurrent Master's in Statistics (which has been done by several recent students) DMS might consider offering a Graduate Certificate in statistics, requiring (e.g.) 12-15 credits. This will give the department another countable product and offer students in other fields a credential that will probably be useful for certain kinds of employment. Certificate credits can be double-counted, so