

## **Portfolio for the Master's programme "Applied Statistics with Network Analysis"**

### Requirements

Students are selected on the basis of their portfolio. According to the entrance competition results a student may receive a [discount for tuition](#).

It consists of two parts — the mandatory documents and certificates, such as a Bachelor's Degree certificate or a Master's Degree certificate, personal statement, cover letter, and letters of recommendations from your supervisors. Then there is an optional part — publications, certificate, participation in conferences and master classes, and so on.

### **Mandatory part**

#### 1. Education

You should provide a copy of your higher education certificate (Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Specialist's Degree). The field of prior education is of no importance, we are mostly interested in the average grade of the courses. The Honorary Degree is a nice bonus.

#### 2. Motivation letter / Personal Statement

(in English, approx. 1000 words)

You should make a case for why you will fit into our program, that is to show that you are conscious of your choice of specialization. You should describe how your practical and scientific interests are connected to the applied statistics, what you expect to get from a master's degree, and what you plan to do in the future.

The content of the letter, the structure, the language of presentation are assessed.

#### 3. Letters of recommendations

We ask you for two letters of recommendation, one of which can be from your scientific supervisor or a tutor. Letters of recommendation should include full name of the signatory, their position, affiliation, phone and e-mail.

#### 4. Cover letter

Cover letter with your education and professional experience

We are interested to know more about your experience and achievements. There you can include:

- research experience, including: theses, participation in scientific conferences, academic schools and research seminars, publications, research projects
- applied research work, or consulting experience
- other personal achievements

## 5. Proof of English language proficiency

All courses at this Master's program are taught in English, therefore, you should be able to understand the material given during classes and participate in group work with other students.

The proof is not required if your native language is English, or if you have studied in English.

The hours of English at the university are taken into account. TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent tests are optional, but are a bonus.

### **Optional part**

#### 6. Other indicators of the applicant's success

Any additional statements of your academic and professional achievements, such as awards (diplomas, letters of appreciation, etc.), membership in academic and professional communities, leadership of teams or projects (work or study), etc.

6.1. Extracurricular activities such as volunteering and community service.

6.2. Standardized tests taken in English (GMAT, GRE or equivalent)

6.3. Additional education: online courses certificates, summer schools, advanced training courses. Statistical and math courses are especially valuable if your institution did not offer such courses during your education.

#### 7. Interview in English (personal or skype)

An interview is conducted with candidates, in which the motivation of the applicant, previous work experience, internships and education, the professional interests of the applicant are discussed.

<b>"Applied Statistics with Network Analysis" Portfolio Evaluation Guidelines</b>		
1.	Prior education	15
2.	Motivation Letter / Personal Statement	20
3.	Letter of recommendation (2 letters)	5 for each letter
4.	Cover Letter (CV)	20
5.	Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, etc)	10

6.	Other additional materials	15
7.	Interview in English (personal or skype)	10
Overall		100