**Capstone Information for WSU**

What is the Capstone?

* The capstone experience is the culmination of the student’s major in both knowledge and abilities of a particular area of mathematics, statistics, or data science. The successful execution, individually or as a team, integrates student’s learning across the field.
* The capstone is the completion of the student’s final project or internship, which will culminate in a collective presentation of all graduating students from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. A capstone should demonstrate the consummate achievement of each student’s academic career.

Who will be the advisor for the capstone?

All students will have a capstone advisor. Your capstone advisor may not be your academic advisor. Students should seek out a capstone advisor. Capstone projects often begin with simple informal conversations with faculty or from a class project that you enjoyed and would want to learn more about. It is the responsibility of the student to seek out their capstone advisor.

What are typical capstone requirements?

A student is expected to work 2 hours per week for each capstone project/internship credit taken. Thus, the expectation is approximately 90 hour or work for a three credit capstone experience over the course of one semester. In addition to this completing this work, a paper, presentation, and poster summarizing the outcomes from your capstone experience are commonly required.

What happens if I don’t satisfy my capstone requirements?

It is in the best interest of all students to finish their required capstone obligations, via a project or internship, in a timely fashion. The outcomes from the capstone project must be presented as agreed upon. Students who do not present their capstone project appropriately may receive a reduction in their grade.

When should students meet with their capstone advisor?

A student should have identified their capstone project at least two semesters before their anticipated graduation semester. Capstone projects take a lot of time -- especially if a substantial literature review is necessary.