

MAJOR IN DATA SCIENCE, STATISTICS CONCENTRATION

Data Science is the discovery of knowledge and insight through the analysis of data. As such, it draws on the study of algorithms and their implementation from computer science, the power of abstraction and of geometric and topological formalism from mathematics, and the modeling and analysis of data from statistics. It has emerged as a separate field in response to the avalanche of data from web enabled

sensors and instrumentation, mobile devices, web logs and transactions, and the availability of computing power for data storage and analysis. Modern data is challenging not only due to its large scale, but also because it is increasingly heterogeneous and unstructured. Information gleaned from this data none-the-less is revolutionizing diverse areas of human endeavor from health policy to high energy physics.

Requirements Effective Fall 2025

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
CS 150B	Culture and Coding: Python (GT-AH3)	3B	3
CS 164	CS1--Computational Thinking with Java		4
DSCI 100	First Year Seminar in Data Science		1
DSCI 369	Linear Algebra for Data Science		4
MATH 156 ¹	Mathematics for Computational Science I (GT-MA1)	1B	4
STAT 158	Introduction to R Programming		1
STAT 315	Intro to Theory and Practice of Statistics		3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4
Total Credits			30

Sophomore

CS 165	CS2--Data Structures		4
CS 220	Discrete Structures and the Applications		4
DSCI 235	Data Wrangling		2
MATH 151	Mathematical Algorithms in Matlab I		1
MATH 256 ¹	Mathematics for Computational Science II		4
STAT 341	Statistical Data Analysis I		3
STAT 342	Statistical Data Analysis II		3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3C	3
Total Credits			30

Junior

CS 201/PHIL 201	Ethical Computing Systems (GT-AH3)	3B	3
DSCI 320/MATH 320	Optimization Methods in Data Science		3
DSCI 335	Inferential Reasoning in Data Analysis		3
DSCI 336	Data Graphics and Visualization		1
Select one course from the following:		2	3
CO 300	Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 302	Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)	2	
JTC 300	Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3)	2	

Data Science Electives (Select at least 6 credits from the Data Science Electives List below)²

Statistics Electives (Select two courses from the Statistics Electives List below)	6
Elective	3
Total Credits	28-31
Senior	
DSCI 445 Statistical Machine Learning 4B	3
DSCI 478 Capstone Group Project in Data Science 4A,4C	4
Data Science Electives (Select at least six credits from the Data Science Electives List below not taken in Junior year) ²	6-9
Statistics Electives (Select two courses from the Statistics Electives List below not taken in Junior year) Electives ³	6
Total Credits	29-32
Program Total Credits:	120

Data Science Electives List ²

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
Select a minimum of 15 total credits from the list below:			
CS 214	Software Development		3
CS 250	Computer Systems Foundations		4
CS 270	Computer Organization		4
CS 314	Software Engineering		3
CS 320	Algorithms--Theory and Practice		3
CS 370	Operating Systems		3
CS 435	Introduction to Big Data		4
CS 440	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence		4
CT 301	C++ Fundamentals		2
DSCI 473	Introduction to Geometric Data Analysis		2
DSCI 475	Topological Data Analysis		2
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
ECON 204	Principles of Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
ECON 304	Intermediate Macroeconomics		3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics		3
ECON 435	Intermediate Econometrics		3
MATH 301	Introduction to Combinatorial Theory		3
MATH 317	Advanced Calculus of One Variable		3
MATH 331	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling		3
MATH 332	Partial Differential Equations		3
MATH 345	Differential Equations		4
MATH 360	Mathematics of Information Security		3
MATH 450	Introduction to Numerical Analysis I		3
MATH 451	Introduction to Numerical Analysis II		3

Statistics Electives List

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
Select four courses from the list below:			
STAT 305	Sampling Techniques		3
STAT 400	Statistical Computing		3

STAT 420	Probability and Mathematical Statistics I	3
STAT 421	Introduction to Stochastic Processes	3
STAT 430	Probability and Mathematical Statistics II	3
STAT 440	Bayesian Data Analysis	3
STAT 460	Applied Multivariate Analysis	3
STAT 472	Statistical Research—Design, Data, Methods	3

¹ The calculus requirement for the major may alternatively be satisfied by completion of MATH 160, MATH 161, and MATH 261.

² A minimum of 15 total credits must be selected from the Data Science Electives in the Junior and Senior years.

³ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150			1A	3
CS 150B			3B	3
DSCI 100				1
MATH 156			1B	4
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)			1C	3

Total Credits

14

Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CS 164				4
DSCI 369				4
STAT 158				1
STAT 315				3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	4

Total Credits

16

Sophomore

Semester 3	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CS 165				4
MATH 151				1
STAT 341				3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			3D	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences)			3C	3

Total Credits

14

Semester 4	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CS 220				4
DSCI 235				2
MATH 256				4
STAT 342				3
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	3

Total Credits

16

Junior

Semester 5	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
DSCI 320/ Optimization Methods in Data Science MATH 320				3
Data Science Electives (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3-4
Statistics Elective (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3
Select one course from the following:			2	3
CO 300 Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)			2	
CO 301B Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)			2	
CO 302 Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)			2	
JTC 300 Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3)			2	
Elective				3

Total Credits				15-16
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Semester 6	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CS 201/PHIL 201 Ethical Computing Systems (GT-AH3)			3B	3
DSCI 335 Inferential Reasoning in Data Analysis				3
DSCI 336 Data Graphics and Visualization				1
Data Science Electives (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3-5
Statistics Elective (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3

Total Credits				13-15
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Senior

Semester 7	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
DSCI 445 Statistical Machine Learning			4B	3
Data Science Electives (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3-4
Statistics Elective (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3
Elective				7

Total Credits				16-17
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Semester 8	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
DSCI 478 Capstone Group Project in Data Science	X		4A,4C	4
Data Science Electives (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3-5
Statistics Elective (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
Elective	X			3
The benchmark courses in the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.	X			

Total Credits				13-15
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Program Total Credits:				120
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