Data Science (BS)

The Data Science BS is jointly offered by the Department of Mathematical Sciences in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Department of Computer Science in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science. Data Science is an emerging discipline that lies at the intersection of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics. The curriculum for the program provides a solid foundation in all the three disciplines. It prepares students for Data Scientist or related positions in industry, business, and government that are currently in high demand and also for graduate study in either of the three disciplines. The curriculum also includes a capstone project course.

Bachelor of Science in Data Science

**Degree Requirements** (120 semester credit hours)\(^1\)

*View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester*

NSM Faculty

- **Professors:** Zalman I. Balanov, Pankaj K. Choudhary, Mieczyslaw K. Dabkowski, Vladimir Dragovic, Sam Efremovich, Yulia Gel, M. Ali Hooshyar, Wieslaw Krawcewicz, Susan E. Minkoff, L. Felipe Pereira, Dmitry Rachinskiy, Viswanath Ramakrishna, Janos Turi, John Zweck
- **Associate Professors:** Swati Biswas, Yan Cao, Min Chen
- **Assistant Professors:** Maxim Arnold, Carlos Arreche, Bhargab Chattopadhyay, Sy Han (Steven) Chiou, Qingwen Hu, Frank Konietschke, Yifei Lou, Oleg Makarenkov, Tomoki Ohsawa, Sunyoung Shin, Anh Tran, Nathan Williams
- **Professors Emeriti:** Larry P. Ammann, Patrick Odell, John W. Van Ness
- **Clinical Professor:** Natalia Humphreys
- **Clinical Associate Professor:** Mohammad Akbar
- **Clinical Assistant Professor:** Wenyi (Roy) Lu
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- **UT Dallas Affiliated Faculty:** Hervé Abdi, Titu Andreescu, Alain Bensoussan, Stefano Leonardi, Faruck Morcos, Zhenyu Xuan, Hyuntae Yoo, Michael Qiwei Zhang

ECS Faculty

- **Professor:** Latiful Khan, Yu-Chung (Vincent) Ng
I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

RHET 1302 Rhetoric
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Communication Core courses (see advisor)

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

MATH 2417 Calculus I or 4
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics Core courses (see advisor)

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

PHYS 2325 Mechanics or PHYS 2421 Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat or PHYS 2326 Electromagnetism and Waves or PHYS 2422 Honors Physics II - Electromagnetism and Waves
Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences Core courses (see advisor)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts Core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History Core courses (see advisor)

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government
Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Government/Political Science Core courses (see advisor)
Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences Core courses (see advisor)

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

- **MATH 2417** Calculus I\(^3, 4\)
- **MATH 2419** Calculus II\(^3, 4\)
- **PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory \(^3, 5\)
  - or **PHYS 2421** Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat \(^6, 7\)

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area Option courses (see advisor)

II. Major Requirements: 64-65 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 18-19 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

- **CS 1136** Computer Science Laboratory
- **CS 1336** Programming Fundamentals
- **CS 1337** Computer Science I
- **CS 2336** Computer Science II
- **MATH 3315** Discrete Mathematics and Combinatorics
  - or **CS 2305** Discrete Mathematics for Computing \(^8\)
- **MATH 2417** Calculus I\(^3, 4\)
- **MATH 2418** Linear Algebra
- **MATH 2419** Calculus II\(^3, 4\)
- **PHYS 2325** Mechanics\(^3, 5\) and **PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory \(^3, 5\)
  - or **PHYS 2421** Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat \(^3, 5, 10\)
- **PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves\(^3, 5\)
  - or **PHYS 2422** Honors Physics II - Electromagnetism and Waves\(^3, 5\)
- **PHYS 2126** Physics Laboratory II

Major Core Courses: 46 semester credit hours

- **CS 3345** Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis
- **CS 4347** Database Systems
- **CS 4371** Introduction to Big Data Management and Analytics
CS 4372  Computational Methods for Data Scientists
CS 4375  Introduction to Machine Learning
MATH 3310  Theoretical Concepts of Calculus
MATH 3351  Advanced Calculus
MATH 4301  Mathematical Analysis I
STAT 3355  Data Analysis for Statisticians and Actuaries
STAT 4351  Probability
STAT 4352  Mathematical Statistics
STAT 4354  Numerical and Statistical Computing
STAT 4355  Applied Linear Models
STAT 4360  Introduction to Statistical Learning
STAT 4475  Capstone Project
  or CS 4475  Capstone Project
  or MATH 4475  Capstone Project

III. Elective Requirements: 13-14 semester credit hours

Guided Electives: 13-14 semester credit hours

Although both lower- and upper-division courses may count as guided electives, they must be approved by the advisor and the student must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

NOTE: Students transferring into this program at the upper-division level are expected to have completed all of the 1000- and 2000- level Mathematics and Computer Science core course requirements.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.
2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
3. A required Major course that also fulfills Core Curriculum requirements. If semester credit hours are counted in the Core Curriculum, students must complete additional coursework to meet the minimum requirement for graduation. Course selection assistance is available from the undergraduate advisor.
4. Three semester credit hours of Calculus are counted to fulfill the Mathematics Core Requirement
with the remaining one semester credit hour to be counted under Component Area Option Core.

5. Six semester credit hours of Physics are counted under Science core, and one semester credit hour of Physics (PHYS 2125) is counted under Component Area Core.

6. Please consult your advisor if selecting Honors Physics.

7. Students may use three semester credit hours of PHYS 2421 to count under Science core, and one semester credit hour of PHYS 2421 under Component Area Option core.

8. BS in Data Science students can substitute MATH 2312 with MATH 2413.

9. MATH 2417 and MATH 2419 requirements can be fulfilled by completing MATH 2413, MATH 2414, and MATH 2415.

10. Students who complete PHYS 2421 do not need to complete PHYS 2125.