Master of Science – Data Science and Analytics 2025-2026

REQUIREMENTS

Admission Requirements

Candidates must satisfy all of the following:

- 1. Grade point average of $3.0~(\mathrm{B})$ from all undergraduate coursework.
- 2. **Resume** detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- 3. **Personal statement** of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- 4. **Recommendations:** Two professional or academic recommendations received online, addressing the candidate's potential for graduate study completion. You will provide the emails of two references, and they will be sent a link to fill out their online recommendation.
- 5. Candidates must possess knowledge of a **programming** language equivalent to 2 or 3 undergraduate courses.
- 6. Candidates must possess a knowledge of **applied statistics**. STA 610-01 or STA 610-02 can be taken to fill in deficiencies.

Degree Requirements

The data science and analytics (M.S.) program requires a minimum of 36 credits.

Computing Requirements (12 credits)

- CIS 635 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
- CIS 660 Data Engineering
- CIS 671 Information Visualization
- One of the following:
 - CIS 677 High-Performance Computing
 - CIS 678 Machine Learning

Statistics Requirements (12 credits)

- STA 518 Statistical Computing and Graphics with R
- STA 631 Statistical Modeling and Regression
- STA 632 Statistical Modeling II
- STA 526 Multivariate Data Analysis

Professional Science Requirements (9 credits)

- PSM 650 Ethics and Professionalism in Applied Science
- PSM 662 Seminar in Professional Sci. Practice (2 credits)
- PSM 691 Internship (4 credits)

Electives Requirements (3 credits)

• Elective <u>must</u> be approved by Data Science and Analytics Graduate Program Director.

(CIS 661 is NOT allowed as an elective)

SUGGESTED SEQUENCES

Two suggested course sequences are provided below – work with your advisor to design a schedule to fit your specific needs.

First Year

Fall
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CIS 660 Data Engineering

STA 518 Statistical Computing and Graphics with R

PSM 662 Seminar in Prof. Science Practice

PSM 691 Internship (section 10) (if you need 9 credits)

Winter

CIS 635 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining

CIS 671 Information Visualization

STA 631 Statistical Modeling and Regression

Second Year

Fall

PSM 650 Ethics and Professionalism in Applied Science

STA 632 Statistical Modeling II Elective (must be approved)

Winter

CIS 678 Machine Learning or CIS 677

PSM 691 Internship

STA 526 Multivariate Data Analysis

Students without necessary Statistics background

First Year

Fall

CIS 660 Data Engineering

STA 610 Intermediate Applied Statistics (section 01 or 02)

PSM 662 Seminar in Prof. Science Practice PSM 691 Internship (1 credit) (section 10)

Winter

CIS 635 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
PSM 650 Ethics and Professionalism in Applied Science
STA 518 Statistical Computing and Graphics with R

Summer

Elective (<u>must</u> be approved)

Second Year

Fall

CIS 671 Information Visualization STA 526 Multivariate Data Analysis

STA 631 Statistical Modeling and Regression

Winter

CIS 677 or CIS 678 PSM 691 Internship

STA 632 Statistical Modeling II