

# DATA SCIENCE - M.S.

College of Sciences and Humanities  
Department of Mathematical Sciences  
Department of Computer Science  
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## About This Program

Step into the forefront of innovation with Kent State's M.S. degree in Data Science, where you will gain the theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience needed to thrive in today's data-driven world. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum blending computer science, statistics and advanced analytics, you will develop the skills to uncover insights, solve complex problems and make a meaningful impact across industries. Read more...

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Data scientists

- 33.5% much faster than the average
- 245,900 number of jobs
- \$112,590 potential earnings

### Mathematical science occupations, all other

- 4.0% about as fast as the average
- 5,000 number of jobs
- \$71,490 potential earnings

### Computer and information research scientists

- 19.7% much faster than the average
- 40,300 number of jobs
- \$140,910 potential earnings

### Statisticians

- 8.5% much faster than the average
- 32,200 number of jobs
- \$103,300 potential earnings

### Computer and information systems managers

- 15.2% much faster than the average
- 667,100 number of jobs
- \$171,200 potential earnings

### Management analysts

- 8.8% much faster than the average
- 1,075,100 number of jobs
- \$101,190 potential earnings

### Database administrators

- -0.7% little or no change
- 78,000 number of jobs
- \$104,620 potential earnings

### Database architects

- 8.7% much faster than the average
- 66,900 number of jobs
- \$135,980 potential earnings

### Computer programmers

- -6.0% decline
- 121,200 number of jobs
- \$98,670 potential earnings

### Software developers

- 15.8% much faster than the average
- 1,693,800 number of jobs
- \$133,080 potential earnings

### Software quality assurance analysts and testers

- 10.0% much faster than the average
- 201,700 number of jobs
- \$102,610 potential earnings

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Prerequisite mathematics and computer science courses<sup>1</sup>
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>2</sup>

- Minimum 71 TOEFL iBT score
- Minimum 6.0 IELTS score
- Minimum 50 PTE score
- Minimum 100 DET score

<sup>1</sup> Students entering the program are expected to have previously completed courses in linear algebra (equivalent to MATH 21001 or MATH 21002), statistics (equivalent to MATH 20011), advanced calculus (equivalent to MATH 22005), discrete mathematics/structures (equivalent to MATH 31011 or CS 23022), programming and data structures (equivalent to CS 23001) and database systems (equivalent to CS 33007). Applicants have not completed all the prerequisite courses may be admitted conditionally (based on a holistic review of their application) until they complete the remaining courses being before beginning the program's coursework.

<sup>2</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Application deadline: June 15
- **Spring Semester**
  - Application deadline: November 1
- **Summer Term**
  - Application deadline: April 1

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
CS 63005	ADVANCED DATABASE SYSTEMS DESIGN	3
CS 63015	DATA MINING TECHNIQUES	3
CS 63016	BIG DATA ANALYTICS	3
MATH 50015	APPLIED STATISTICS	3
MATH 50024	COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS	3
MATH 50028	STATISTICAL LEARNING	3
Major Electives, choose from the following: <sup>1</sup>		6
BSCI 60104	BIOLOGICAL STATISTICS	
CS 54201	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	
CS 57206	DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY	
CS 63018	PROBABILISTIC DATA MANAGEMENT	
CS 63100	COMPUTATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATICS	
CS 64201	ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	
CS 67302	INFORMATION VISUALIZATION	
CS 69098	RESEARCH	
or MATH 67098 RESEARCH		
ECON 62054	ECONOMETRICS I	
ECON 62055	ECONOMETRICS II	
ECON 62056	TIME SERIES ANALYSIS	
EHS 62018	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCEPTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH	

EPI 62017	FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY
EPI 63016	PRINCIPLES OF EPIDEMIOLOGIC RESEARCH
EPI 63019	EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNS FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH
GEOG 59070	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE
GEOG 59080	ADVANCED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE
HI 60401	HEALTH INFORMATICS MANAGEMENT
HI 60411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS
HI 60414	HUMAN FACTORS AND USABILITY IN HEALTH INFORMATICS
HI 60418	CLINICAL ANALYTICS II
KM 60301	FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT
LIS 60020	INFORMATION ORGANIZATION
MATH 50011	PROBABILITY THEORY AND APPLICATIONS
MATH 50051	TOPICS IN PROBABILITY THEORY AND STOCHASTIC PROCESSES
MATH 50059	STOCHASTIC ACTUARIAL MODELS
PSYC 61651	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS I
PSYC 61654	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS II

#### Culminating Requirement

Choose from the following: 6

#### Thesis Option

DATA 69199	THESIS I <sup>2</sup>
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#### Project and Internship Option

DATA 69099	CAPSTONE PROJECT
DATA 69192	GRADUATE INTERNSHIP

#### Project and Course Option

DATA 69099	CAPSTONE PROJECT
Approved Graduate Course (50000 level or higher)	

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30**

<sup>1</sup> With graduate coordinator approval, students may substitute a relevant graduate-level course (50000 or 60000 level) in either Computer Science (CS) or Mathematics (MATH).

<sup>2</sup> If thesis is selected, students must continually register for DATA 69199 for maximum 6 credit hours toward the degree. Students may need to register for DATA 69299 to complete the thesis requirement; however, those credit hours do not, whatsoever, count toward the degree.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

### Culminating Experience

The culminating experience requirement is a master's thesis or an integrated learning experience.

The master's thesis requires a written thesis, a public defense of the thesis and approval by the student's supervisory committee. Students must form a master's thesis committee, which will include the advisor and at least two other graduate faculty members. The thesis topic and

committee must be approved by the advisor and graduate coordinator. The final version of the thesis must be approved by the advisor, thesis committee and graduate coordinator.

The integrated learning experience may include a substantial capstone project or a capstone project and internship. Students must prepare a written document explaining and/or demonstrating their capstone project or internship activity and its significance. In addition, students must give a public presentation of their capstone project or internship, and the written document and presentation must be approved by their supervisory committee.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. Courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
CS 63005	ADVANCED DATABASE SYSTEMS DESIGN	3
MATH 50015	APPLIED STATISTICS	3
Major Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Semester Two		
CS 63015	DATA MINING TECHNIQUES	3
MATH 50024	COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS	3
MATH 50028	STATISTICAL LEARNING	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Semester Three		
CS 63016	BIG DATA ANALYTICS	3
Major Elective		3
Culminating Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
Semester Four		
Culminating Requirement		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Ask the questions so that problems in a particular business or industrial situation become clear.
2. Determine if the problem may be addressed with data science methods and tools and, if yes, propose potential methods for solving the problems.
3. Make suggestions for how data science may be used to enhance the quality and value of currently existing products (whether the products are physical or methods) and how data science may be used in the development of new products.

## Full Description

The Master of Science degree in Data Science provides a focus on developing scientists who will understand the theories, methods and tools of data science and apply data science to solving research and workplace questions in the natural, health and social sciences for businesses and industries.

Data science is a STEM discipline founded on the principles of mathematics and the sciences and developed through a synthesis of mathematics and computer science. One may think of data science as a blending together of methods and ideas from analysis, statistics, databases, big data, artificial intelligence, numerical analysis, graph theory and visualization for the purposes of finding information in data and applying that information to solving real-world problems.