MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF DATA ANALYTICS

Administered jointly through the GW’s Departments of Computer Science (https://www.cs.seas.gwu.edu/) and Engineering Management and Systems Engineering (https://www.emse.seas.gwu.edu/), the master of science in data analytics aims to address the growing demand for professionals skilled in big data and data analytics in government, industry and research organizations.

Through courses led by the faculties of the School of Engineering and Applied Science and the School of Business, this program is conducted in small cohorts and covers topics in computer science, business analytics, and systems engineering, while focusing on the foundations of analytics from a technical engineering perspective.

As part of their program requirements, students choose either the computer science or the engineering management and systems engineering track.

Students in the program should expect the following program outcomes:

- Apply data science and analytics techniques in the decision-making process of a wide range of organizations.
- Demonstrate the ability to store, clean and transform data.
- Demonstrate improvements in the decision-making process by using and applying analytics techniques to interpret results.
- Design and implement computing infrastructure and algorithmic techniques for big data analytics.
- Explore the engineering foundations that propel the fields of data science and analytics.
- Gain hands-on experience with analytical tools for big data.
- Pursue or enhance careers as data analysts or data scientists.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:

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<td>Fall – January 15</td>
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Standardized test scores:

- TOEFL: applicants must have 600 on paper-based; or 100 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: applicants a score of 68.

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Admissions requirements:

- Bachelor’s degree with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of coursework; two courses in mathematics beyond pre-calculus; one year of science with laboratory; courses in computer science using a structured language, discrete structures, data structures, and computer architecture.

International applicants only:

Please follow this link - https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/ - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the SEAS Frequently Asked Questions page. (http://graduate.seas.gwu.edu/apply/faq/)

Contact for questions:

engineering@gwu.edu - 202-994-1802 (phone) - 202-994-1651 (fax)
9:00 – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits, including 15 credits in required courses and 15 credits in required and elective courses in one track.
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<tr>
<td>EMSE 6765</td>
<td>Data Analysis for Engineers and Scientists</td>
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<td>CSCI 6444</td>
<td>Introduction to Big Data and Analytics</td>
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<td>EMSE 6586</td>
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<td>or CSCI 6441</td>
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<td>EMSE 6574</td>
<td>Programming for Analytics</td>
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<td>SEAS 6402</td>
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**Additional coursework**

Five additional courses are required. At least three of these courses (two required and one elective) must be in either the computer science track or the engineering management and systems engineering track, effectively constituting a concentration in one of the two tracks. With the advisor’s approval, the two remaining elective courses may be taken outside the selected track and may include courses outside SEAS.

**Computer science track**

**Required**

- CSCI 6212  Design and Analysis of Algorithms
- CSCI 6364  Machine Learning

**Electives**

- One elective CSCI course.

Two additional elective courses, which may be taken outside the track and may include courses outside of SEAS, with the advisor’s approval.

**Engineering management and systems engineering track**

**Required**

- EMSE 6575  Applied Machine Learning for Analytics
- EMSE 6577  Data-Driven Policy

**Electives**

- One elective EMSE course.

Two additional elective courses, which may be taken outside the track and may include courses outside of SEAS, with the advisor’s approval.

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**Graduation and Scholarship Requirements**

Students are responsible for knowing the university’s minimum GPA requirement for graduation and scholarships. Please visit the Graduation and Scholarship Requirements ([http://bulletin.gwu.edu/engineering-applied-science/graduation_requirements_ms](http://bulletin.gwu.edu/engineering-applied-science/graduation_requirements_ms)) section on this site to read the requirements.

Students should contact the department for additional information and requirements.

**Program Restrictions**

Normally, only 6000 level courses (or higher) may be counted toward the requirements for the graduate degree.