

Below is a special edition of the weekly newsletter related specifically to Spring 2021 enrollment.

Please see <https://registrar.wisc.edu/spring-2021-enrollment/> about enrollment times, course modality, and other general Spring 2021 enrollment questions before speaking with an advisor

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1. Important Dates

December 4 – Spring 2021 courses available on Course Search & Enroll

December 21 – First day of Senior enrollment

January 4 – First day of Junior enrollment

January 7 – First day of Sophomore enrollment

January 11– First day of Freshmen enrollment

2. Advising

Both Sara and Dana are available for advising appointments. Information on how to schedule an appointment via Starfish or how to access drop-in advising is available on the major information page (<https://stat.wisc.edu/undergraduate-data-science-studies/>, towards the bottom of the page). There are still a few remaining drop-in sessions on December 8, 10, 15, and 17. This is a great way to get a few quick enrollment questions answered. If you are unable to meet, please send an email and we can answer enrollment questions that way as well (but appointments are preferred for complicated questions).

Due to the holidays Data Science advising and email responses will not be available December 24-January 3, please plan accordingly.

3. Priority Enrollment

We are very excited to announce that a number of advanced Statistics and Computer Sciences courses in the Data Science major curriculum will be giving priority enrollment for Data Science students (along with Statistics and Computer Sciences majors). Please see the course search and enroll app (<https://enroll.wisc.edu/search>) for information. This information should be available on the course notes for individual courses.

For information on the requirements and course descriptions, please see the Guide listing for the Data Science major (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/statistics/data-science-bs/#requirementstext>).

Additionally, the Computer Sciences department is in the process of updating the prerequisite for COMP SCI 540 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence to include COMP SCI 320 as one of the possible CS course prereqs. For the spring, Computer Sciences has made it so that all students currently enrolled in COMP SCI 320 this semester should have access to enroll (as seats allow). If you have issues with COMP SCI 540, or other courses taught in CS please contact CS enrollment at enrollment@cs.wisc.edu.

4. Enrollment Holds

Please check to see if you have any enrollment holds on your record! Enrollment holds will prevent you from enrolling into courses until the hold is released. To check if you have any holds, visit your Student Center (<https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/92991>). You should check for holds now and periodically between now and your enrollment appointment time.

For more information on enrollment holds, visit <https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=4139>.

5. Foundation Courses

As of Spring 2021 we anticipate that all 5 of the Data Science foundation courses will be offered every fall and spring semester (summer is still unknown at this point). This includes

- STAT 240 Introduction to Data Modeling I, 4 cr
- STAT 340 Introduction to Data Modeling II, 4 cr
- COMP SCI 220 Data Programming I, 4 cr
- COMP SCI 320 Data Programming II, 4 cr
- L I S 461 Data and Algorithms: Ethics and Policy, 3-4 cr*

*Please note that there is a big difference between the two sections of L I S 461. In Spring 2021 Lec 001 is for 4 credits and meets the Comm B requirement. Lec 002 is 3 credits and is **not** Comm B. Both sections will also count as humanities credits. Please make sure that you select the correct section when building your schedule.

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6. F-1/J-1 Visa Students and Spring 2021 Enrollment

Please stay updated on guidance from ISS on Spring 2021 Enrollment at <https://iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/health/covid-19-updates/>.

a. Reduced Course Load Form Information

*If you are a F-1 or J-1 Visa international student and plan to graduate Fall 2020, please read the following important message.

For F-1 or J-1 Visa students, there is an option for you to be enrolled in less than 12 credits in your final semester of study and maintain your visa status. You must complete a Reduced Course Load form (<https://iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/reduced-course-load/>) in TerraDotta in order to qualify. It is highly recommended you complete this form prior to the last day of fall semester courses, even if you are unsure of how many credits you are going to enroll in. Failure to do so may result in being unable to drop courses before deadlines and not receiving a full refund on courses you drop.

7. Planning to Graduate in Spring 2021?

If you are planning to graduate May 2021, it is highly recommended that you apply for graduation after enrolling into your courses. To apply for graduation, follow these steps:

1. Login to My UW-Madison.
2. Open the Student Center app. If the app is not on your homepage, search for "Student Center". You can add the app to your homepage from the search results screen for easier access in the future.
3. Locate the "Academic Records" section on the Student Center.
4. Find and select the Apply for graduation on the left-hand side.
5. Click on the Apply for Graduation link for the Degree in which you are graduating.
6. Select the term in which you expect to receive your degree. Click the Continue button.
7. Select the commencement ceremony in which you plan to attend. Answer the two questions relating to how your name will print in the Commencement Program.
8. Click the Submit Application button. You will be brought to a Confirmation page. You should also receive an email stating you have successfully applied.
9. Verify your Name, Address, Degree and Commencement information.

For additional information, please visit <https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=4128>.

As always, if you have issues preventing you from enrolling at your enrollment time (either technical or personal), please contact the Data Science advisors (dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu) as soon as possible.

Good luck on your fall finals!

Sara and Dana