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Data Science Majors:

Please carefully read this entire email as it contains important information regarding Spring 2023 enrollment. As always, if you have questions feel free to reach out to your advisors. If you have significant issues preventing you from enrolling into courses at your enrollment time, please contact your advisor ASAP.

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1. LINKS

- Data Science major page: <https://stat.wisc.edu/undergraduate-data-science-studies/>
- Guide pages (2022/23 curriculum)
 - BA: <https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/statistics/data-science-ba/#requirementstext>
 - BS: <https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/statistics/data-science-bs/#requirementstext>
- STAT course enrollment FAQ: <https://stat.wisc.edu/courses-and-enrollment/>
- COMP SCI course enrollment FAQ: <https://www.cs.wisc.edu/courses-2/>
- MATH course questions: <https://math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/placement/>
- How to run a DARS report: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/dars-student/>
- Course search & enroll tutorials: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-search-enroll/>
- Dates and deadlines: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/>
- Enrollment holds: <https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=4139>
- Apply to graduate: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/applyforgraduation/>

2. IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- October 17, Spring 2023 Schedule of Classes available
- November 7-11, Spring 2023 enrollment appointment times released (see email and student center)
- November 14, Spring 2023 enrollment begins

3. ADVISING

During the Spring 2023 term Data Science major advising will be offered by both Dana and Sara. Information about advising appointments, drop-in advising, and major declaration sessions are all available on the major webpage: <https://stat.wisc.edu/undergraduate-data->

[science-studies/](#). Please remember if you have fairly simple questions that email is a great way to get a quick answer (**and make sure to include your 10-digit Campus ID!**): dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu.

Students interested in declaring the Data Science major should prioritize attending a major declaration session (see link above) over an individual appointment unless they have a complicated situation such as a sub 2.0 major GPA, are currently on probation, are in CALS, or other similar complicated situations.

Please note that Sara will be unavailable November 14-21 and 24-25. Dana will be unavailable November 23-25.

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 to see how to address the holds. You should check for holds now and periodically between now and your enrollment appointment time. Note that it is each student's responsibility to ensure they are taking action to remove their holds for timely enrollment.

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

5. NEW COURSES IN THE DATA SCIENCE MAJOR

The following courses have been approved for the Data Science major and are listed in the Spring 2023 Course Search and Enroll app as of October 21. If you are interested in these courses you are welcome to take them and count them towards the major. DARS exceptions for these courses will be entered after the course add/drop deadline in the spring term. Please see the course search and enroll app for more details on each course.

ADVANCED COMPUTING:

COMP SCI 639 lec 004 Intro to Big Data Systems, *please note that ONLY this section of COMP SCI 639 in Spring 2023 will count towards advanced computing*

Description: Deploy and use distributed systems to store and analyze large datasets.

Unstructured (object storage) and structured (distributed databases) approaches to storage will be covered. Analysis will involve learning new query languages, processing streaming data, and training machine learning models.

Enrollment requisites: COMP SCI 320 or 400, graduate/professional standing, or declared in the Computer Sciences for Professionals Capstone Certificate.

STATISTICAL MODELING:

STAT 436 Statistical Data Visualization

Please note that I SY E 521 Machine Learning in Action for Industrial Engineers has been approved as a machine learning course starting Fall 2023 onward, but doesn't appear to be offered this spring. If you previously took this course and wish to have it count as your machine learning, please reach out to your DS major advisor.

6. PRIORITY ACCESS FOR STAT AND COMP SCI TAUGHT COURSES

There are a number of courses offered by Statistics (STAT) and Computer Sciences (COMP SCI) where Data Science majors (along with some other student populations) will have priority access. If you are interested in these courses it is strongly recommended that you enroll at your appointment time or you might miss out on the priority access when they are opened to a wider audience

- COMP SCI: 524 (lec 001), 540, 559, 564, 577, 639 (lec 004)
- STAT: 340, 351 (lec 001), 436 (lec 001), 451 (lec 001 and 003), 453 (lec 001), 456 (lec 001)

It is very important, when looking at classes, to not just look at the prerequisites, but to also click through to the section and see if the course is restricted to specific audiences. For example, one lecture of COMP SCI 532 is only open to undergraduates and one lecture is only open to graduate and professional students.

If you are not yet declared in Data Science and want priority access, you should complete the process to declare the major as soon as possible (<https://stat.wisc.edu/undergraduate-data-sciencestudies/>).

7. SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR F-1 AND J-1 STUDENTS

Please stay updated on guidance from ISS at <https://iss.wisc.edu/>.

Have Visa or I-20 questions? Contact your ISS Advisor through TerraDotta (tutorials at <https://iss.wisc.edu/terra-dotta-tutorials/>).

Online Enrollment Limits: please note that F-1 and J-1 visa students residing in the U.S. have limits on the number of online credits they can enroll in. Please review the ISS online enrollment page for more details (<https://iss.wisc.edu/students/current-students/online-course-enrollment/>).

Reduced Course Load Form Information: If you are a F-1 or J-1 Visa international student and plan to graduate Spring 2023, 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 in TerraDotta in order to qualify. It is highly recommended you talk with a data science advisor and complete this form prior to the last day of spring 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.

8. PLANNING TO GRADUATE SPRING 2023?

1. Login to My UW-Madison (<https://my.wisc.edu/>).
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 in 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.
 - a. You may select to participate in a different term's commencement ceremony if you wish.
7. Click the Submit Application button. You will be brought to a Confirmation page. You should also receive an email stating you have successfully applied.
8. Verify your Name, Address, Degree and Commencement information.

Graduation related links:

- Office of the Registrar's Apply for Graduation page: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/applyforgraduation/>
- Office of the Registrar's diploma information page: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/diploma/>
- Applying to graduate in the student center: <https://kb.wisc.edu/helpdesk/page.php?id=4128>
- What appears on your transcript: <https://kb.wisc.edu/registrar/page.php?id=96537>
- Commencement: <https://commencement.wisc.edu/>

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