

From: ["Dana Maltby" via ds_undergrad](#)
To: dsundergrad@g-groups.wisc.edu
Subject: Enrollment strategies - Data Science major
Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 2:08:38 PM
Importance: High

DS Majors:

We hear you that enrollment has been a frustrating experience for some so far. Our departmental advisors and enrollment management staff are working on advocating for you and identifying alternative options. We are sorry for the inconvenience and stress this has caused some of you.

First and foremost, **if you are a student who has already enrolled: please make sure that you are not 'hoarding' courses.** We ask that you select the course that you are most interested in taking to complete your requirement(s) and drop the other courses as soon as you can. Enrolling in 3+ courses that count for the same requirement(s) in order to decide later what may be a best fit for you, or taking classes above and beyond minimum requirements for the major **actively prevents** other students from enrolling into those courses, and may be preventing some of your peers from making progression towards graduation.

For those of you experiencing issues with waitlisted/closed courses, please keep the following in mind:

- **Graduating in May or August 2024? Apply for graduation ASAP.**

We give priority enrollment access to students who are graduating the earliest to do our best to allow students to graduate on time.

- **Identify alternatives**

If you are unable to enroll in your first-choice elective courses, you should identify a back-up course that you can enroll in now (courses with open seats, open to DS majors, those that you meet enrollment requisites for, etc.) If you need help with this, please talk to your advisor or email dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu.

Not every student will get to take their first-choice classes next spring. Some students will get access to enroll off of wait lists if/when seats become available, some will not. It is normal to have to identify alternative courses outside of extremely popular major course. We simply cannot accommodate every student into every course, as we have over 1500 declared students in the major.

If you are given access to enroll in a waitlisted course, you will be emailed and given a deadline by which to enroll into the course. Please make sure you are checking your email at least once a day.

- **Non-DS Priority Enrollment Access**

Please note that some of the Data Science upper-level major electives may have priority enrollment for spring that does NOT include Data Science majors. Examples of this include STAT 309, L I S 407 and 464, and I SY E 412.

If you wish to take these courses you will have to wait until the courses open more generally to non-declared majors later in the enrollment process (typically November 29, but each course will list their own deadlines in the course notes section on Search & Enroll). In the meantime you should identify a back-up course that you can enroll in now and if you need help with this, please talk to your advisor or email dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu.

- **Slow Roll Out Process**

(STAT 240; COMP SCI 320, COMP SCI 537, COMP SCI 540, and COMP SCI 564)
Seats for these courses will slowly be added during the senior and junior enrollment periods. Please enroll at your preferred section at your enrollment time. If your preferred section is full, check again the next day to see if more seats have been added. Once all seats have been added to these courses, a waitlist will go into effect. You will then be welcome to waitlist for a seat and see if space becomes available.

We thank you for your patience and understanding, and encourage you to reach out to your advisor or to dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu (and include your campus ID number) if you have more personalized questions.

We will circulate updates via email & post to the website when we have them.
Your Data Science Advisors (Anna-Marie, Carmela, Dana, and Sara)