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**Here is a special edition of the weekly DS newsletter all about Spring 2025 enrollment!**

Please carefully read this entire email as it contains important information regarding Spring 2025 enrollment. 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](mailto:dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu)) as soon as possible. Include your 10-digit campus ID number and a screenshot of your enrollment error(s).

♥ The DS Advising Team (Anna-Marie, Carmela, Dana, & Sara)

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#### **Important Dates & Deadlines**

<https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/>

- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring term enrollment appointment times assigned to students throughout this week
  - Check your MyUW Student Center and [@wisc.edu](mailto:@wisc.edu) email inbox
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Students begin enrolling for Spring 2025 term courses **according to assigned appointment times**
  - Some enrollment times are not until **after Thanksgiving**

#### **Advising**

- Visit the [Data Science Major website](#) for information on:
  - Scheduling individual advising appointments with an advisor (best for complex questions or unique situations)
  - Attending virtual drop-in advising (best for minimal questions about enrollment)
- Quick questions? [Send DS advisors an email!](#)
  - Be sure to **include your 10-digit campus ID**
- Note: individual advising appointments can fill up quickly – **it's normal for our schedules to book 1-2 weeks in advance**. Plan ahead!

#### **Enrollment Holds**

- View and clear your holds in the MyUW Student Center: holds may impact your ability to enroll in spring term
  - Check occasionally between now and your enrollment appointment time!
- [See step-by-step instructions for Viewing Your Holds in Student Center](#)

#### **Enrollment Advice**

- Plan **back up classes**
  - It is likely your first-choice classes may be filled by your enrollment time. Plan ahead!
- Check for your **enrollment appointment time** in your MyUW Student Center (and [@wisc.edu](mailto:@wisc.edu) inbox)
- Enroll as close to your appointment time as possible, and select the "add me to waitlist if course is full option"
  - **Waiting to enroll may prevent you from getting a seat in your preferred classes**

- Check appt time in your MyUW Student Center (and @wisc.edu inbox)
- Monitor Search & Enroll for **added seats and/or sections**
  - Spots may open up in different sections than the one you are wait listed in, and you can enroll into open seats
- **Re-validate** your course selection before hitting 'enroll'
  - This will help remove previous validation errors
- **Read your validation errors FULLY**, they give important information as to why you may be prevented from enrolling
  - Be sure that you are enrolling in the **correct section**
- **Do NOT** enroll in courses that have **time conflicts**
  - If you cannot be in two places at once, you shouldn't enroll in two courses taught at the same time
- Enrollment issues? Email [dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu](mailto:dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu) **AND** consult the following **enrollment FAQ pages**:
  - Statistics courses – <https://stat.wisc.edu/courses-and-enrollment/>
  - Computer Sciences courses - <https://www.cs.wisc.edu/courses-2/>

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### Priority Enrollment/Enrollment Restrictions

- Some advanced STAT and COMP SCI courses will be giving priority enrollment for **declared DS students** (along with Stat, iSci, & CS majors)
  - Several courses include STAT 340, COMP SCI 320, COMP SCI 540, L I S 461, and other upper-level elective courses
- Check out "course notes" sections on Course Search and Enroll to find out if individual courses have priority enrollment access
  - Check each section of course: often, certain sections are reserved for specific student groups
- Priority enrollment **does not guarantee** access into major courses, but will allow declared DS students access to enroll before non-declared students

### L I S Priority Enrollment for iSci students:

- Several popular L I S courses that count as Data Science electives (L I S 407, 440, 464 for example) **restrict enrollment to iSci majors** for the first month of enrollment
- Your two options are:
  - (1) add the course wait list (if available) or
  - (2) wait after the declared iSci requisite is lifted & try to enroll then
- Please **DO NOT email the iSci department** asking for this policy to be waived for you
  - L I S courses are only a small number of courses available to DS majors – you do not need these courses to graduate. You can select other options to satisfy requirements
- **L I S 461 LEC 004: is reserved for MS students**
  - Undergraduates are not allowed to enroll in this section

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### Slow Roll Out Process

(STAT 240; COMP SCI 400)

Seats for these courses will slowly be added during the enrollment period. 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 wait list will be added. You can then waitlist for a seat and see if space becomes available.

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### New Data Science Major Courses

New courses have been approved for the Data Science major !! They are:

- **Machine learning electives:**
  - MATH 616 Data-Driven Dynamical Systems, Stochastic Modeling and Prediction
  - CHEM 361 Machine Learning in Chemistry (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - BSE 405 Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
- **Advanced computing electives:**
  - COMP SCI 639 Data Mgmt for Data Science – Meena Syamkumar (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
- **Statistical modeling electives:**
  - ACT SCI 657 Risk Analytics
  - GEOG 560 Advanced Quantitative Methods
- **Linear algebra electives:**
  - Brand NEW Course: MATH 491 Linear Algebra and Optimization (will be MATH 345 in the future) (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
    - Are you interested in AI, machine learning, data science etc., but have not taken linear algebra yet? This may be the class for you. In Spring 2025, MATH 491 will serve as a pilot for a new "Linear Algebra and Optimization" course developed by the Mathematics Department. It will cover introductory linear algebra concepts (similarly to MATH 320, 340) as well as aspects of differential calculus in several variables and basic optimization theory (partly covered in MATH 234) -- combining in a unified coverage two major pillars of modern data-driven and computational fields. Python implementations will help bring the mathematical material to life by connecting it with selected applications.
- **"Other" DS electives:**
  - ACT SCI 655 Health Analytics
  - COMP SCI 541 Theory & Algorithms for Data Science (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - FW & ECOL 395 Data and GIS Tools for Ecology (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - FW & ECOL 458 Environmental Data Science (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - GEN BUS 317 Mathematical Foundations of Business Analysis (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - INFO SYS 423 Digital Platform Analytics (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)
  - MICROBIO 657 Bioinformatics for Microbiologists (**\*Offered Spring 2024**)

Notes about electives:

- These courses **will not appear in Guide until Fall 2025** – students who take these courses prior to Fall 2025 will have a DARS exception added to their record after the spring course drop notation deadline.
- Some courses (or individual sections) are **restricted to specific student populations** – always plan a backup if you are unable to enroll in a course.
- **Check course prerequisites** to determine if you are eligible to enroll - **some sections have different requisites – read carefully.**

The [Data Science Guide Requirements](#) page has information including enrollment requirements & course descriptions. Check it out!

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### Class Attendance Policy

<https://kb.wisc.edu/ls/page.php?id=24628>

- We expect students to be present at all classes.
- Make sure you do not enroll in courses that meet at the same time.

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### F-1/J-1 Visa Students

- [ISS Fall/spring enrollment requirements](#): visa-holding students **must** enroll in a minimum of 12 credits in the spring term.
  - Online enrollment restrictions apply, see link above for details.
- [Reduced Course Load Form Information for Spring 2025 graduating students](#).
  - Graduating this semester? You may enroll in less than 12 credits while maintaining your visa status!
  - Complete the RCL – [Stats/DS Internal Form](#) to qualify.
    - Fill this out **after enrolling in spring courses & applying for spring graduation**; failure to submit the form may impact refunds on courses you drop.
- **December 2025 Graduating students**:
  - Complete the [program completion checklist](#).
  - Provide friends & family with an [invitation letter](#) if they are applying for a tourist visa to visit you.

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### Planning to Graduate in Spring 2025?

If you are planning to graduate in May, you **MUST** apply for graduation after enrolling into your courses. [Follow these Apply for Graduation steps](#):

- Login to MyUW
- 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
- Locate the "Academic Records" section on the Student Center
- Find and select the Apply for graduation on the left-hand side
- Click on the Apply for Graduation link for the Degree in which you are graduating
- Select the term in which you expect to receive your degree
  - Click the Continue button.
- 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
- Click the Submit Application button
  - You will be brought to a Confirmation page
  - You should also receive an email stating you have successfully applied
- Verify your Name, Address, Degree and Commencement information

View our [Department of Statistics Alumni Webpage!](#)

For additional information, please visit the [Registrar's Office Apply for Graduation webpage!](#)

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