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**Subject:** Please Read - L I S 461 Enrollment FAQ  
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**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Everyone,

Data Science major students can **ONLY** enroll in L I S 461 LEC 001, 002, 003, and 005 and **CANNOT** enroll in the online LEC 004 (**no exceptions**). Do **NOT** contact course instructors for permission to enroll!

With our growing student population and limited course/instructor capacity, students are recommended to enroll in L I S 461 in their senior year (or last two semesters at UW-Madison). Even if L I S 461 fits perfectly into your spring 2025 schedule, there is a chance that L I S 461 may fill up by your enrollment time. If this happens, please [add yourself to the waitlist](#). If you are not able to enroll in L I S 461 for the spring 2025 term, please note that L I S 461 is offered every fall, spring, and summer term.


If you are a spring 2025 graduate and unable to enroll in L I S 461 in your final semester, please email us at [dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu](mailto:dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu).

### Why can't Data Science majors enroll in Lectures 004?

- Lecture 004 is reserved for **graduate students** in the M.S. Information Science program (see screenshot as is displayed in Course Search & Enroll).

^ LEC 004 Jan 21 - May 2 (A1) ONLINE

#### Class availability

- Status: Open 
- Available seats: 25
- Currently enrolled: 0
- Class capacity: 25
- Wait list capacity: 25

#### Requisites

Sophomore standing

Declared in Information MS

#### Class notes

LEC: Lecture-only. Doesn't fill Communications requirement.

**Should I enroll in L I S 461 for 4 credits (LEC 001) or for 3 credits (LEC 002, 003, 005)?**

- **Taking it for 3 credits (also known as the non-ComB section) will count as Humanities with one lecture section and no discussion section.** The 3-credit version can be a good fit for...
  - Students who have completed Communication B.
  - Students in the Wisconsin School of Business; they will take GEN BUS 360 to fulfill Communication B anyway and L I S 461 at 4 credits will not meet this requirement.
  - Students in the College of Engineering; they will take INTEREGR 397 to fulfill Communication B anyway and L I S 461 at 4 credits will not meet this requirement.
- **Taking it for 4 credits (also known as the ComB section) will count as Humanities and Communication B with one lecture and discussion section.** The 4-credit version can be a good fit for...
  - Students who still need to complete Communication B.
  - Students who need at least 4 credits of Humanities to meet their B.A./B.S. degree requirements.

Questions or concerns should be sent to [dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu](mailto:dsmajor@stat.wisc.edu).

Best,

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