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Fall 2026 DS Enrollment Information Newsletter #1 (of 3)

Today's newsletter contains information to help you navigate the upcoming Fall 2026 enrollment cycle. We will send 2 additional emails with info on major course changes and enrollment advice in the next weeks.

Tip: pin this email to the top of your inbox to find information and answer frequently asked questions quickly!

As always, if you have issues preventing you from enrolling at your enrollment time (either technical or personal), please [contact the Data Science advisors](#) as soon as possible. Include your 10-digit campus ID number and a screenshots of your issues.

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

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1. Important Dates & Deadlines

[View semester Dates & Deadlines here.](#)

- Mar 11 – expected Fall 2026 Term schedule of classes publication
 - Week of Mar 23 – enrollment appointment times assigned to students **throughout this week**
 - Check your MyUW Student Center and WiscMail inbox
 - Mar 28 – Apr 5 – Spring break!
 - Apr 6 - Students begin enrolling for fall courses according to **assigned appointment times**
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2. 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)
 - Copies of enrollment newsletters and updates
 - Quick questions?
 - [Send DS advisors an email!](#) Be sure to include your 10-digit campus ID
 - Attend [Zoom drop-ins Wednesdays, from 1-2:00 pm](#)
 - Note: there will be no Zoom drop-ins Mar 11 or Apr 1
 - April 15th CDIS Drop-ins
 - 9 am – 3 pm
 - Room 2564 Morgridge Hall
 - Meet with a CDIS advisor for quick questions
 - Bring your Wiscard. Drop-ins are first-come, first-served; you may have to wait to see an advisor.
 - Note: individual advising appointments can fill up quickly – it's normal for our schedules to book 1-2 weeks in advance. Plan ahead!
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3. Enrollment Holds

Please check your Student Center to check for any holds or tasks that will impact your fall enrollment.

- [Viewing your Holds](#)
 - [Pre-Enrollment Checklist](#)
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4. Priority Enrollment/Enrollment Restrictions

Priority Enrollment:

Some Data Science Major courses will give priority enrollment for **declared DS students**

before non-declared students.

- Several courses include (but not limited to): COMP SCI 320, 540, 544; STAT 340, 349, 351, 405, 421, 436, 451, 453
- Check out the “class notes” on Course Search and Enroll to find out if individual courses have priority enrollment access.
 - Example: STAT 340 is reserved for students declared in Statistics, Data Science, Math: Math for Statistical Analysis & Risk Assessment, Math: Math for Data Science, Statistics Certificate, Data Science Certificate, or Statistics Doctoral Minor only for the first several weeks of enrollment.

Priority enrollment **does not guarantee** access to major courses but will allow declared DS students access to enroll before non-declared students.

Enrollment Restrictions:

- Some classes approved for the DS Major may not allow undergrads to enroll in certain semesters. This is entirely up to the department that is offering the class, and we cannot override their restrictions.
 - Example: GEOG 579 is restricted to GIS Professional Program Students
 - Check each section: often, certain sections are reserved for specific student groups.
 - **Example:** most STAT elective courses reserve **LEC 001 for undergraduate students** and LEC 002 for graduate students.
 - Example: if the requisite says “Declared in Data Science MS or Statistics MS” you cannot add that section.
 - Plan ahead!
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5. Class Attendance Policy

[View the L&S Class Attendance Policy.](#)

- 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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6. F-1/J-1 Visa Students (Enrollment & RCL)

- [ISS spring/fall enrollment requirements](#): visa-holding students **must** enroll in a minimum of 12 credits in the spring/fall term.
 - Online enrollment restrictions apply, see link above for details.
- **December 2026 Graduating students:**
 - [Reduced Course Load Form Information](#)
 - 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 courses & applying for graduation**; failure to submit the form may impact refunds on courses you drop.
- Complete the [program completion checklist](#).
- Provide friends & family with an [invitation letter](#) if they are applying for a tourist visa to visit you.

[Statistics Department International Students FAQ](#).

7. Planning to Graduate in December 2026?

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

The [Intended Completion Term](#) **does NOT count** as your graduation application; it is a separate step.

Additional Graduation Information:

- Office of the Registrar's [diploma information webpage](#)
- What appears on your [transcript](#)
- [University Commencement](#)
- [College of Letters & Science celebration](#)
- [Department of Statistics graduation celebration](#)

#1 Graduation FAQ: Why does my certificate or major not appear on my graduation application?

- Certificates, additional majors, and other non-degree programs are not displayed but are included in your degree application for graduation. **This is normal!** (see [#4 on this page](#))
- You do **NOT** need to take extra steps as your graduation application applies to all your declared majors and certificates (see our [graduation information tab here](#)).