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Summer 2026 Enrollment Information Newsletter for Data Science Majors

*This week's special edition newsletter contains information to help you
navigate the upcoming Summer 2026 enrollment cycle.*

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

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 screenshot of your enrollment error(s).

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1. Important Dates & Deadlines

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

- ? Now – Summer 2026 courses available on Course Search & Enroll
- ? Week of March 16 – Summer term enrollment appointment times assigned to students throughout this week
 - o Check your MyUW Student Center and @wisc.edu email inbox

- ? Week of March 23 - Students begin enrolling for Summer 2026 term courses according to 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)
 - 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
 - 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. UW Enrollment Requirements

- Students can enroll in 1 credit per week of session, per [university enrollment policy](#) (some exceptions apply)
 - **Example:** enrolled in a 4-week summer session? You are allowed to enroll in up to 4 credits maximum
 - **Exception:** if you're enrolling in the 8-week general session, you may take 9 credits
- Course Search & Enroll does NOT allow you to enroll for more credits than the session limit
- Maximum summer term credit limit: 12
- Inquire with your school/college Academic Deans office to inquire about exceptions
 - Follow the [summer credit overload policy](#) if pursuing an exception after contacting the deans
- Credit limits apply even if you take courses outside of UW-Madison

Course Equivalency/Taking Courses Outside UW

- Courses taken outside of UW are allowed: be sure to [check the Transferology portal](#) to find out if/how your planned class will transfer back to UW
 - [Transferology User Guide](#) (Tutorials!)
 - Can't find your course in Transferology? [Submit a request to the Course Equivalency Service](#) through May 1st for course evaluations
 - Please allow 4-6 weeks for evals to be completed – submit your request ASAP!
 - Transfer courses are subject to summer term credit limits (see above for details)
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4.Enrollment Holds

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

- [Viewing your Holds](#)
 - [Pre-Enrollment Checklist](#)
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5.Data Science Major Classes

- View the [Data Science Major Guide Requirements page](#) for a list of approved classes!
 - **Faculty recommendations:** maximum 1 quantitative/coding class in summer term.
 - Planning to work or travel? Please plan ahead – give yourself enough time to complete your coursework.
 - Summer classes are fast-paced (double the speed of fall/spring term) and there is a high work load.
 - Here's a sample of the currently planned summer classes:
 - Foundation courses:
 - STAT 240
 - Taught online, asynchronously
 - COMP SCI 220
 - Both LEC and LAB **require attendance**, and you must be available to participate in online learning at the day/time listed
 - COMP SCI 320
 - NOTE: Both LEC and LAB **require attendance**, and you must be available to participate in online learning at the day/time listed
 - L I S 461 (both 3 credit non-Comm B and 4 credit Comm B sections are available)
 - PHILOS 244
 - Taught online, asynchronously
 - Additional courses to consider:
 - foundational Math classes (MATH 221, MATH 222)
 - upper-level electives offered from a **variety of departments** such as:
 - STAT 436, 451
 - COMP SCI 524, 532, 539, 540, 564, 577
 - MATH 320, 331, 340, 431
 - ECON 315, 410
 - Please check [Course Search and Enroll](#) for other courses that may be taught.
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6.F-1/J-1 Visa Students (Enrollment & RCL)

[Statistics Department International Students FAQ](#)

Summer enrollment is generally not required for continuing students (that is, students who enrolled full-time for the spring semester and intend to enroll full-time for the fall semester).

August 2026 Graduating students:

- [Enrollment requirements for Summer program end date](#): If you will complete your enrollment requirements during the summer term, you must enroll in UW–Madison in-person/hybrid credits. During summer, you must take all course(s) that are required to complete your program of study. If your required credits are less than the full-time enrollment minimum, you must submit a Reduced Course Load for final semester.
 - [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.
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7.Planning to Graduate in August 2026?

If you are planning to graduate in August, you **MUST** apply for graduation after enrolling in your summer 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](#)).