

BS in Data Science with Bioinformatics Concentration

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Data Science with Bioinformatics Concentration from UIC, students need to complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Computer Science degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Engineering](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
General and Basic Education Requirements		37
Core Courses		57
Bioinformatics Concentration Requirements		15-16
Free Electives		10-11
Total Hours		121

General and Basic Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Foreign Language ^a		8
Understanding the Individual and Society course ^b		3
Understanding U.S. Society course ^b		3
Exploring World Cultures course ^b		3
Understanding the Creative Arts course ^b		3
Understanding the Past course ^b		3
Two Analyzing the Natural World courses (with lab) ^{b,c}		8
Total Hours		37

a Additional information on the [COE's foreign language policy](#) can be found in the [College of Engineering](#) section of the catalog.

b Students should consult the [General Education](#) section of the catalog for a list of approved courses.

c Students planning to pursue the Bioinformatics Concentration will take BIOS 110 and BIOS 120 to fulfill the Analyzing the Natural World requirement.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENGR 100	Engineering Success Seminar (no graduation credit)	1
MATH 180	Calculus I	4
MATH 181	Calculus II	4
MATH 210	Calculus III	3
MATH 310	Applied Linear Algebra	3

Select one of the following		3
CS 111	Program Design I	
CS 112	Program Design I in the Context of Biological Problems	
CS 113	Program Design I in the Context of Law and Public Policy	
CS 141	Program Design II	3
CS 151	Mathematical Foundations of Computing	3
or MCS 361	Discrete Mathematics	
CS 211	Programming Practicum	3
CS 251	Data Structures	4
CS 377	Ethical Issues in Computing	3
Select one of the following:		3
STAT 381	Applied Statistical Methods I	
IE 342	Probability and Statistics for Engineers ^a	
ECE 341	Probability and Random Processes for Engineers ^b	
STAT 382	Statistical Methods and Computing	3
or IDS 462	Statistical Software for Business Applications	
STAT 385	Elementary Statistical Techniques for Machine Learning and Big Data	3
STAT 481	Applied Statistical Methods II	3
IDS 312	Business Project Management	3
IDS 435	Optimization for Analytics	3
CS 418	Introduction to Data Science ^c	3
or IDS 472	Business Data Mining	
CS 480	Database Systems ^c	3
or IDS 410	Business Database Technology	
Total Hours		57

a IE 342 must be taken for the Concentration in Industrial Engineering.

b ECE 341 must be taken for the Concentration in Data Processing, Science, and Engineering.

c CS 418 and CS 480 must be taken for the Concentration in Computer Science.

Bioinformatics Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Prerequisites		
BIOS 110	Biology of Cells and Organisms ^a	
BIOS 120	Biology of Populations and Communities ^a	
Required Courses		
BIOS 220	Genetics	3
BIOS 430	Evolution	4
BME 480	Intro to Bioinformatics	3
BME 481	Bioinformatics Laboratory	2
Select one of the following:		3-4
BME 240	Modeling Physiological Data and Systems	
BME 339	Biostatistics I	
BME 407	Pattern Recognition I	

BME 439	Biostatistics II	
Total Hours		15-16

Free Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		
Select 10-11 hours of Free Electives		10-11
Total Hours		10-11

a *This course counts toward the Analyzing the Natural World (with lab) General Education requirement.*

Sample Course Schedule

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
CS 111 or CS 112 or CS 113	Program Design I or Program Design I in the Context of Biological Problems or Program Design I in the Context of Law and Public Policy	3
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
MATH 180	Calculus I	4
Analyzing the Natural World (with Lab)	General Education course	4
ENGR 100	Engineering Success Seminar (no graduation credit)	1
Hours		14
Second Semester		
CS 141	Program Design II	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
MATH 181	Calculus II	4
General Education Core course		3
Foreign Language		4
Hours		17
Second Year		
First Semester		
CS 151 or MCS 361	Mathematical Foundations of Computing or Discrete Mathematics	3
CS 211	Programming Practicum	3
STAT 381 or IE 342 or ECE 341	Applied Statistical Methods I or Probability and Statistics for Engineers or Probability and Random Processes for Engineers	3
Analyzing the Natural World (with lab)	General Education course	4
Foreign Language		4
Hours		17
Second Semester		
CS 251	Data Structures	4
STAT 382 or IDS 462	Statistical Methods and Computing or Statistical Software for Business Applications	3
IDS 312	Business Project Management	3
MATH 210	Calculus III	3
General Education Core course		3
Hours		16
Third Year		
First Semester		
CS 377	Ethical Issues in Computing	3
CS 480 or IDS 410	Database Systems or Business Database Technology	3
STAT 385	Elementary Statistical Techniques for Machine Learning and Big Data	3

MATH 310	Applied Linear Algebra	3
General Education Core course		3
Hours		15

Second Semester		
CS 418 or IDS 472	Introduction to Data Science or Business Data Mining	3
STAT 481	Applied Statistical Methods II	3
IDS 435	Optimization for Analytics	3
Concentration Requirement		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year		
First Semester		
Concentration Requirement		3
Concentration Requirement		3
General Education Core course		3
Free Elective		4
Hours		13

Second Semester		
Concentration Requirement		3
Concentration Requirement		3
General Education Core course		3
Free Elective		4
Hours		13
Total Hours		120