

BS in Data Science with a Social Technology Studies Concentration

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Data Science with a Social Technology Studies Concentration from UIC, students need to complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The 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
Social Technology Studies Concentration Requirements		18
Free Electives		8
Total Hours		120

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		8
Understanding the Individual and Society course ^a		3
Understanding U.S. Society course ^a		3
Exploring World Cultures course ^a		3
Understanding the Creative Arts course ^a		3
Understanding the Past course ^a		3
Two Analyzing the Natural World courses (with lab) ^{a,b}		8
Total Hours		37

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

^b 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 Orientation (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
CS 111	Program Design I	3
CS 141	Program Design II	3

CS 151 or MCS 361	Mathematical Foundations of Computing Discrete Mathematics	3
CS 211	Programming Practicum	2
CS 251	Data Structures	4
CS 377	Communication and 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 or IDS 462	Statistical Methods and Computing Statistical Software for Business Applications	3
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 or IDS 472	Introduction to Data Science ^c Business Data Mining	3
CS 480 or IDS 410	Database Systems ^c Business Database Technology	3
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.

Social Technology Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Select three of the following:		9
COMM 206	Public Relations and Digital Media	
COMM 216	Digital Journalism	
COMM 220	Social Media and Marketing	
COMM 240	Data Journalism	
COMM 250	Social Media and Society	
Selectives		
Select three of the following:		9
COMM 205	The Health Media Environment	
COMM 206	Public Relations and Digital Media	
COMM 220	Social Media and Marketing	
COMM 260	Games as Social Technology	
COMM 425	Digital Advocacy ^a	
COMM 430	Media, Information and Society	
COMM 433	Mobile Media and the City	
COMM 435	Data, Privacy and Ethics in the Digital Age	
COMM 489	Human Augmentics	
Total Hours		18

Free Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Electives		
Select 8 hours of Free Electives.		8
Total Hours		8

^a *COMM 301 is a prerequisite for COMM 425. Data Science majors must obtain department approval.*

Sample Course Schedule

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
CS 111	Program Design I	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 Orientation	1
Hours		15
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	2
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		16
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	Communication and 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
Concentration Requirement		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