

DATA SCIENCE, B.S.

The Saint Louis University Bachelor of Science in Data Science is an interdisciplinary program supported by the Department of Computer Science (<https://www.slu.edu/science-and-engineering/academics/computer-science/>) and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/mathematics-statistics/>). SLU's curriculum is modeled upon guidelines for undergraduate programs in data science as endorsed by the American Statistical Association's Board of Directors. Classes are small and are taught by enthusiastic instructors.

Curriculum Overview

The B.S. in data science is among the most rigorous degrees offered at SLU. This program combines carefully selected computer science, statistics and mathematics courses with four semesters of practica and capstone experiences. The result is an education rooted in the fundamentals that also provides hands-on experience with cleaning, visualizing, analyzing and reporting on data. Students choose electives within the major to specialize in the computer science or statistical aspects of data science.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Faculty in the data science program do research in machine learning, natural language processing, time series, topological data analysis and in other areas of statistics, computer science and mathematics.

There are multiple research, internship and consulting opportunities for students in the data science program. Past students have done cross-disciplinary work with ArchCity Defenders, the Department of Sociology, the Department of Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures, the Department of English and the Medical School Liver Center, while others have done work in data science itself, doing research with faculty within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, the Department of Computer Science, and the Lincoln Lab at MIT, among others.

The SLU Data Science Club allows students to practice predictive modeling in competitions. Some competitions are hosted by SLU solely for the University's students, while others pit SLU students against students and professionals from across the world.

Careers

The McKinsey Report estimated that the United States would face a shortfall of 140,000 to 190,000 people with deep analytical skills, while also needing 1.5 million managers and analysts with the know-how to make decisions based on the analysis of big data.

The Harvard Business Review calls data scientist "the sexiest job of the 21st century," and Glassdoor has ranked data scientist as the No. 1 overall job in the U.S. in terms of the number of job openings, earning potential and career opportunities rating. Data is produced in many places, and companies need employees who can analyze the data and communicate the results. Students with a B.S. in data science will be well-positioned to work in technology, government, research and consulting fields, among others.

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (<https://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application and the Coalition Application.

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED or HiSET.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- All academic records must include an English translation. An official course-by-course transcript evaluation may be required and accepted.

Tuition

Tuition/Fee	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	\$58,960
University Fees	\$1,000

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Cost of Attendance (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/cost-of-attendance.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer-current/tuition-summer-current.pdf>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2025, 99.6% of first-time freshmen and 92% of all students received financial aid (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>) and students received more than \$517 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Feb. 1.

For more information on scholarships and financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to use programming and other computer science skills to analyze and interact with data.
2. Graduates will be able to apply statistics to analyze data sets.
3. Graduates will be able to acquire and manage complex data sets.
4. Graduates will be able to use technical skills in predictive modeling.
5. Graduates will be able to visualize data to facilitate the effective presentation of data-driven insights.

Requirements

Data science students must complete a minimum total of **62 credits** for the major.

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		32-35
Major Requirements		62
CSCI 1070	Introduction to Computer Science: Taming Big Data	3
CSCI 1300	Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming	4
CSCI 2100	Data Structures	4
CSCI 4710	Databases	3
CSCI 4750	Machine Learning	3
Mathematics/Statistics Requirements		
MATH 1510	Calculus I	4
MATH 1520	Calculus II	4
MATH 1660	Discrete Mathematics	3
MATH 2530	Calculus III	4
MATH 3110 or MATH 3120	Applied Linear Algebra Introduction to Linear Algebra	3
STAT 3850	Foundation of Statistics	3

STAT 4870	Applied Regression	3
Data Science Integration Requirements		
DATA 1800	Data Science Practicum I	1
DATA 2800	Data Science Practicum II	1
DATA 4961	Capstone Project I	2
DATA 4962	Capstone Project II	2
Major Electives		15
Select five courses, must include at least two CSCI courses and at least two STAT course, from the following:		
CSCI 2300	Object-Oriented Software Design	
CSCI 2500	Computer Organization and Systems	
CSCI 2510	Principles of Computing Systems	
CSCI 3100	Algorithms	
CSCI 3300	Software Engineering	
CSCI 4610	Concurrent and Parallel Programming	
CSCI 4620	Distributed Computing	
CSCI 4740	Artificial Intelligence	
CSCI 4760	Deep Learning	
CSCI 4830	Computer Vision	
CSCI 4845	Natural Language Processing	
STAT 4800	Probability Theory	
STAT 4840	Time Series	
STAT 4850	Mathematical Statistics	
STAT 4880	Bayesian Statistics and Statistical Computing	
University Electives		23-26
Total Credits		120

Continuation Standards

Students must have a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative GPA in data science major courses by the conclusion of their sophomore year, must maintain a minimum of 2.00 cumulative GPA in these courses at the conclusion of each semester thereafter, and must be registered in at least one data science course counting toward their major in each academic year (until all requirements are completed).

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CSCI 1070	Introduction to Computer Science: Taming Big Data [†]	3

MATH 1660	Discrete Mathematics	3
MATH 1510	Calculus I (‡ satisfies CORE 3200) †	4
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	2
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3

Credits 16

Spring

CSCI 1300	Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming †	4
MATH 1520	Calculus II †	4
DATA 1800	Data Science Practicum I †	1
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
General Electives		3

Credits 15

Year Two

Fall

CSCI 2100	Data Structures †	4
MATH 2530	Calculus III	4
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3

Credits 14

Spring

STAT 3850	Foundation of Statistics	3
DATA 2800	Data Science Practicum II	1
CSCI Elective		3
MATH 3110	Applied Linear Algebra	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
CORE 3800	Ways of Thinking: Natural and Applied Sciences	3
General Electives		3

Credits 16

Year Three

Fall

CSCI 4710	Databases	3
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	3
CSCI/STAT Elective		3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
General Elective		3

Credits 15

Spring

STAT 4870	Applied Regression	3
CSCI 4750	Machine Learning	3
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
General Electives		6

Credits 15

Year Four

Fall

DATA 4961	Capstone Project I	2
CSCI/STAT Electives		6

CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
General Electives		6

Credits 15

Spring

DATA 4962	Capstone Project II	2
CSCI/STAT Elective		3
General Electives		9

Credits 14

Total Credits 120

† Students must earn a C- or better.
‡ Strongly recommended for capstone

Program Notes

- STAT 3850 Foundation of Statistics (3 cr) and CSCI 2100 Data Structures (4 cr) are crucial to this program, as they serve as prerequisites for all of the upper division STAT and CSCI courses. As such, they should be taken as soon as reasonably possible.
- Possible STAT electives include STAT 4840 Time Series (3 cr), MATH 4800 Probability Theory (3 cr) and STAT 4850 Mathematical Statistics (3 cr).
- Possible CSCI electives include CSCI 2300 Object-Oriented Software Design (3 cr), CSCI 3100 Algorithms (3 cr), CSCI 3300 Software Engineering (3 cr), CSCI 4610 Concurrent and Parallel Programming (3 cr), CSCI 4620 Distributed Computing (3 cr), CSCI 4740 Artificial Intelligence (3 cr), CSCI 4760 Deep Learning (3 cr), CSCI 4830 Computer Vision (3 cr), and CSCI 4845 Natural Language Processing (3 cr).
- At least one elective must have a STAT designator and at least two electives must have a CSCI designator.
- Fifteen credits of CSCI/STAT electives are required.

Madrid

Unlock the power of data to solve real-world problems and drive innovation with a Bachelor of Science in Data Science from Saint Louis University-Madrid. Gain in-demand skills at SLU-Madrid, including in machine learning, big data and analytics to lead the digital revolution. Whether you're passionate about technology, healthcare, finance, or beyond, a career in data science is your gateway to success.

Curriculum Overview

This data science program focuses on equipping you with the knowledge and skills to analyze, interpret, and extract meaningful insights from data. It integrates elements of computer science, mathematics and statistics with the goal of addressing real-world problems through data-driven decision-making.

Healthcare, public institutions, telecommunication, finance, marketing, social sciences, travel, environmental studies ... Today's world runs on data and with this program, you will learn the skills necessary to collect, clean, organize and analyze data.

This B.S. degree can be easily combined with another major (such as computer science) or minors (such as computer science, math and business analytics), providing you with a deeper knowledge of the foundations of this area and a global understanding of the use of data science in other disciplines.

Faculty

The faculty at Saint Louis University-Madrid are experts in their respective fields. They are internationally recognized teachers, researchers and mentors. Learn about our faculty members (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/faculty/faculty-profiles.php>), including their education, credentials, experience and contact information.

Faculty Research

The SLU-Madrid faculty maintains robust programs of research in a variety of fields. See below for more data.

Find Faculty Research Information (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/faculty/faculty-research.php>)

Find Research Resources (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/faculty/research-resources.php>)

Fieldwork, Internships and Careers

Class sizes are intentionally kept small at all levels to encourage active participation, foster meaningful discussions, and make it easier for professors to address individual learning needs. This focused approach enhances understanding, promotes collaboration and ultimately leads to better educational outcomes. This environment and the teaching of award-winning full-time faculty and industry experts will place you in an unbeatable starting point to enter the job market.

Data science experts are highly demanded by companies worldwide. Indeed, the launch of B.S. in this field is relatively new, so far CS/math graduates have filled these positions. Consequently, companies would be bidding for you as an expert in data science.

As a graduate in data science you have a wide range of career opportunities across various (any) industries like data scientist, data analyst, machine learning engineer, business analyst or artificial intelligence analyst.

You will also have opportunities to do internships in Spanish companies, putting your theoretical knowledge to work.

Admission

SLU-Madrid Application (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/apply.php>)

Application Deadlines

- April 1 - Fall admission (July 1 for EU students)
- Aug. 1 - Spring admission (Nov. 1 for EU students)
- March 1 - Summer sessions (for applicants who require a student visa)
- April 15 - Summer sessions (for applicants who do not require a student visa)

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Tuition and Fees

SLU-Madrid is committed to providing a quality Jesuit education at an affordable price. Tuition rates at SLU-Madrid are approximately 40% lower than at comparable private universities in the U.S.

If you have questions or would like to speak with a financial aid officer, email us at financialaid-madrid@slu.edu.

- Tuition and Fees (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/admissions/tuition-fees.php>)
- Scholarships and Financial Aid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/admissions/scholarships-financial-aid.php>)

2+SLU

2+SLU programs provide a guided pathway for students transferring from a partner institution.

Data Science, B.S. (STLCC 2+SLU) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2plusslu/stlcc/data-science/>)

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For additional information about this program, please contact mathstat@slu.edu or call 314-977-2444.