



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN DATA SCIENCE

Program Prerequisite Pre-Approved UW Options

*The following is a list of pre-approved options through the University of Wisconsin that will meet the required prerequisites for admission to the Masters of Data Science program. Note: this is not an all-inclusive list. If you have the courses available to you at your local community college or university these can be considered.
Please contact an enrollment adviser for more details.*

[Elementary Statistics](#)

[Introductory Computer Programming](#)

[Introduction to Databases](#)

Elementary Statistics

- ****Recommended** UW Independent Learning: Elementary Statistics – U3600**
 - Includes measures of central tendency, measures of variability, grouped data, the normal distribution, the central limit theorem, hypothesis testing, estimation, T-distribution, and chi-square test.
 - <https://il.wisconsin.edu/course-catalog/>
- **Eau Claire: Elementary Statistics – MATH 246**
 - Basic statistical analysis, including descriptive statistics, probability, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, simple linear regressions, correlation, Chi-Square, and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
 - <https://www.uwec.edu/blugold-central/academic-planning/register-classes/class-schedules/>
- **Green Bay, La Crosse, Parkside, Stevens Point: Statistics for Healthcare – HIMT 350**
 - This is an introductory course in statistical methods for the health sciences. The course will emphasize the principles of statistical reasoning, underlying assumptions, hypothesis testing, and careful interpretation of results. Some topics covered: major study designs, descriptive statistics, graphical displays of data, probability confidence intervals and tests for means, differences of means, sample size and power, differences of proportions, chi-square tests for categorical variables, regression, multiple regression, and non-parametric statistics.
 - <https://himt.wisconsin.edu/program-information/course-information/#HIMT350>
- **Green Bay: Business Statistics – BUS ADM 216**
 - The course examines descriptive statistics, sampling and sampling distributions, hypothesis testing, independent and paired t-tests, analysis of variance, regression, chi-square, and variance comparisons. The course will also ensure students are literate in computer-based statistical packages (e.g., SPSS, SAS, or Minitab).
 - <http://sis.uwgb.edu/schedule/>
- **Milwaukee: Elementary Statistical Analysis – MTHSTAT 215**



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- Elementary probability theory; descriptive statistics; sampling distributions; basic problems of statistical inference including estimation; tests of statistical hypothesis in both one- and two-sample cases.
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- **Stout:** Elementary Statistics – STAT 130.
 - Concepts and application of probability and statistics: data analysis (graphical displays, numerical summary measures); probability and probability distributions; concepts of statistical inference (estimation and hypothesis testing). Illustrated with output from statistical computing packages. Students may incur incidental expenses for software.
 - <https://www.uwstout.edu/academics/stout-online>
- **Superior:** Elementary Statistics – MAT 130
 - Introductory course for students of all disciplines. Includes descriptive statistics, the binomial and normal distributions, confidence intervals, linear regression, correlation, the t-distribution, the Chi-square distribution, nonparametric tests of statistical inference, and understanding statistics in many different fields. Problems are taken from various fields dependent on statistical decision making.
 - <https://www.uwsuper.edu/classchedules/>
- **Superior:** Business Statistics - BUS 270
 - Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics as applied to business situations. Includes tabular, graphical and numerical summary measures; probability distributions; sampling and sampling distributions; hypothesis testing; analysis of variance; and regression/correlation analysis.
 - <https://www.uwsuper.edu/classchedules/>
- **Whitewater:** Basic Statistical Methods – PSYCH 215
 - An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics include preliminary concepts, frequency distribution, graphic methods, measures of central tendency and variability, percentiles, probability, normal distribution, correlation analysis, sampling theory, parametric and selected non-parametric hypothesis-testing procedures. Lectures are supplemented by computational laboratory sessions.
 - <http://www.uww.edu/registrar/schedule-of-classes>
- **Whitewater:** Business Statistics – ECON 245
 - An introduction to descriptive statistics, probability theory, and statistical inference. Graphical and numerical methods of summarizing data. Probability concepts and theoretical probability distributions. Sampling and sampling distributions. Estimation, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing. Correlation and regression analysis. The course emphasizes the application and interpretation of statistical techniques.
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Introductory Computer Programming

- ****RECOMMENDED**** Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville, River Falls, Stevens Point: Programming I – APC 300
 - - This course offers an introduction to the history of computing, fundamental computer concepts and structured programming techniques. Java will be used to teach the basic concepts of program analysis, design, implementation, debugging and testing. It provides hands-on coverage of simple data types, problem solving, program design, conditional execution, loops, and basic user-defined methods.
 - <https://appliedcomputing.wisconsin.edu/courses/programming-i/>
- **Milwaukee:** Introductory Computer Programming – COMPSCI-250.
 - Problem solving with structured programming techniques using an object-oriented programming language, including control structures, functions, arrays, vectors, and predefined objects.
 - <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>
- **Parkside:** Introduction to Programming – CSCI 130
 - Fundamentals of high-level programming language; object-orientation, methods, functions, variables, program control
 - <https://www.uwp.edu/learn/courseschedule/>



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Introduction to Databases

- **Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Platteville, River Falls, Stevens Point:** Database Management I – APC 360
 - ****RECOMMENDED**** This course covers the design and implementation of relational database management systems to support computer-based information systems. Topics include: data modeling techniques such as entity-relationship modeling, extended entity-relationship modeling, database normalization techniques, and basic and advanced features of database query language SQL.
 - <https://appliedcomputing.wisconsin.edu/courses/apc-360-database-management/>
- **Green Bay:** Database Design & Management – COMP SCI 221.
 - This introductory course focuses on how databases and database systems work and how they are used in various data-driven applications. The course covers relational databases, SQL, different ways of designing databases, and management of databases. The course provides hands-on experience with exercises using SQL Server and Microsoft Access and includes group discussions. The course also introduces some advanced topics, including database security, data privacy, data analytics, and big data. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite and Windows is required for this course.
 - <http://sis.uwgb.edu/schedule/>
- **Green Bay, La Crosse, Parkside, Stevens Point:** Database Structures and Management Systems – HIMT 375.
 - Analyze and design databases to support computer-based information systems. Develop and implement relational database management systems using SQL. Topics include: data modeling techniques such as entity-relationship modeling, extended entity-relationship modeling, database constraints, database normalization techniques, and basic and advanced features of database query languages SQL, etc.
 - <https://himt.wisconsin.edu/program-information/course-information/#HIMT375>
- **Milwaukee:** Database Information Retrieval Systems – INFOST-410.
 - Introduces the design and development of different types of electronic information systems, including database types, design issues, application development, and software selection and evaluation.
 - <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>
- **Parkside:** Database Management Systems – MIS 328.
 - Data modeling techniques including object-oriented modeling, database systems concepts, and use of structured query language for information processing, client/server architecture, distributed databases. This course may be offered online.
 - <https://www.uwp.edu/learn/courseschedule/>