

The data science Master degree

Data & Knowledge Engineering (MDKE)



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Research focus:

- ▶ Learning methods for streams and for time series with gaps
- ▶ Cost-aware information acquisition

Application areas:

- Treatment outcome prediction
- Monitoring the health of humans and machines
- Inferring strategies in experiments

Teaching: courses and projects on

- Data mining
- Recommenders
- Business informatics

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2. Planing your MDKE studies
3. More on how to choose modules
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Thematic areas:

Starting: Fundamentals of Data Science [12-18 ECTS]

1. Learning Methods and Models of Data Science [18-36 ECTS]

2. Data Processing for Data Science [18-30 ECTS]

3. Applied Data Science [18-24 ECTS]

and finally: the Master thesis [30 ECTS]

Where to find more information?

Module catalogue of the degree, also known as “Module Hand Book” (MHB)

- ▶ This is a large PDF document:
 - ★ It contains the description of each module we offer in the FIN.
 - ★ It contains one section per thematic area of the degree, with all the modules that fit to this area.
 - ★ In it, you may find a module more than once! Some modules fit to more than one thematic area.
- ▶ You find it under
<https://www.inf.ovgu.de/en/Study/Being+a+student/Examination+Office/Study+Regulations.html>
Entry ‘Data & Knowledge Engineering’ (in the middle of the page, left side)
- ▶ It is updated once per semester ⇒ Choose the most recent one.

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4. Consult your mind and your heart: write down what you are interested in, listen to your curiosity, go with your strengths
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Mentors!

There is an international team of mentors to help you in the start of your studies. Infos on how to reach them from the URLs above.

3. More on how to choose modules

When to choose which modules?

Area	1st & 2nd semester	2nd & 3rd semester
<i>Fundamentals of Data Science</i>	PPSW [A] Data Mining I, Machine Learning [L] Introduction to Simulation [S]	Topics in Algorithmics, ...
<i>Learning Methods & Models for Data Science</i>	(S) Applied Discrete Modelling, Intelligent Data Analysis, Recommenders, (L) Introduction to Deep Learning [DL], ...	Data Mining II, (A) Advanced topics in ML, Swarm Intelligence, Evolutionary Multiobjective Optimization [CI], (A) Seminar 'Predictive Maintenance', [DL] Learning Generative Models ...
<i>Data Processing for Data Science</i>	Advanced Database Models [D], Transaction Processing 2, Information Retrieval, (D) Data Warehouse Technologies, Advanced Topics in Databases, Introduction to Distributed Sensor Data Fusion, Parallel Storage Systems, VLBA – Cloud DevOps Technologies, ...	
<i>Applied Data Science</i>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Teamproject	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	

Mark after the title	Mark before the title	How to read it
Introduction to Deep Learning [DL]	[DL] Learning Generative Models	'DL' is a competency. The module with the mark '[...]' after the title delivers this competency; the module with the mark at the right demands this competency. Hence: pass the module that gives the competency before you attempt the module that demands this competency.
Advanced Database Models [D]	(D) Data Warehouse Technologies	The mark '(...)' denotes a 'better-have' competency. Hence: better attend the module at the left before you attempt the module at the right.

Special cases

PPSW [A]	(A) Advanced topics {of KMD, of ML, ...}, Seminar 'Predictive Maintenance', Seminar '...'	The modules in the middle column are on advanced topics; most of them are seminars. PPSW delivers skills that you need to pass a seminar. If you never attended a seminar, you need PPSW.
Scientific computing [L+]		Delivers mathematical underpinnings that are valuable for many other courses.

On the naming of the modules

Machine Learning	Advanced Topics of Machine Learning	The module at the right expects skills that you learn in the module at the left.
Data Mining I	Data Mining II	The module at the right expects some skills. Best choice is the module at the left.

So, how to choose modules in the 1st semester?

One possible way:

1. Plan the 'Fundamentals of Data Science' over the first two semesters.
2. Select from 'Learning ...': There are entry-barriers, so plan over all three semesters.
3. Select from 'Data Engineering ...': The modules of this area are heavily visited but have less entry-barriers, so plan for semesters 1 and 2 first.

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3. Go to 'Data Engineering ...' and do alike.

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Option 3: Train yourself *cautiously* on learning methods

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3. If you find them difficult, ask for help/advice!
4. Once you have passed some of them, go for Option 1 and/or Option 2

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- ▶ Complex plans of studies, general troubleshooting: Studies coordinator (me)
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- ▶ General issues on international studies: Coordinator of International Studies

Thank you for your attention!

Much success with your studies with us!