



Department of Computer Sciences Advising Sheet

Major in Data Science and Machine Learning Effective Fall 2026

Purpose of the Major

The Department offers coursework leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Data Science and Machine Learning (DSML). This major provides students with broad-based preparation for a career related to data science and/or machine learning, and with the appropriate supporting background in mathematics, science, communication, and ethics. A grade of “C-” or better is required in all courses required for the major (CS, DSML, Math, and Ancillary).

Required Courses: 64 credits

	Semester Hours
MTH 1410 Calculus I	4
MTH 3130 Applied Linear Algebra	4
MTH 3210 Probability and Statistics	4
MTH 3220 Statistical Methods	4
MTH 3270 Data Science	4
CS 1050 Computer Science 1	4
CS 2050 Computer Science 2	4
CS 3120 Machine Learning	4
CS 3250 Software Development Methods & Tools	4
CS 3810 Principles of Databases	4
DSML 2120 Data Visualization	4
DSML 3850 Cloud Computing	4
DSML 4220 Deep Learning	4
DSML 4360 ¹ Senior Experience in DS and ML	4
CS/DSML/MTH Electives (see list)	8

¹University-required Senior Experience course

Elective Courses: 8 credits

CS 3013 Mobile App Development	4
CS 3150 Digital Image Processing & Computer Vision	4
CS 3700 Networking and Dist. Comp.	4
CS 3710 Web Application Development	4
CS 4050 Algorithms and Algorithm Analysis	4
MTH 2520 R Programming	4
MTH 2540 Scientific Computing with Python	4
MTH 4230 Regression and Computational Statistics	4

General Studies & Additional Course Requirements

Students must complete the required MSU Denver General Studies course requirements. Some of the Mathematics or Ancillary courses required for the DSML major may partially or fully satisfy specific General Studies requirements.

The Multicultural graduation requirement of 3 credit hours must also be satisfied. Some courses that satisfy the Multicultural requirement also satisfy a General Studies requirement.

Total Credit Hours for the Data Science and Machine Learning B.S. Degree 120

Required Ancillary Courses: 9 credits

	Semester Hours
COMM 1010 Presentational Speaking, or, COMM 1100 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
And, JMP 2610 Introduction to Technical Writing	3
PHI 3370 Computers, Ethics, and Society	3

Purposes of the Data Science and Machine Learning Major

The Department of Computer Sciences, in the College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering, and Design (CACED), offers a *Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Machine Learning*.

A Data Science and Machine Learning (DSML) major provides students with broad-based preparation in the Data Science and Machine Learning fields and appropriate supporting background in mathematics, statistics, communication, and social awareness.

Graduates in DSML are positioned for employment in a variety of jobs both in the data analysis field and in the application of machine learning to other fields. The DSML major also prepares students for continued study of Data Science and Machine Learning at the graduate level.

Specifically, the MSU Denver DSML program enables its graduates to become:

- Professionals capable of applying DS/ML principles and practices
- Graduate students in DS, ML, and related fields
- Life-long learners capable of self-study, continuing education, and ongoing professional development
- Ethical practitioners in DS, Machine Learning, and related fields
- Innovators able to respond to technological change and intellectual challenge

DSML Advising and Declaring a Major in DSML

For Data Science and Machine Learning advising, schedule an appointment with a CS advisor or faculty member.

Additional information about the Department of Computer Sciences is available at the department's website at <https://msudenver.edu/cs/>.

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Prerequisite Chart for Required Data Science and Machine Learning Courses

MTH 1410 Calculus 1	((MTH 1109 or MTH 1110 or MTH 1111) and MTH 1120) or MTH 1400
MTH 3130 Applied Linear Algebra	MTH 1410
MTH 3210 Probability and Statistics	MTH 1410
MTH 3220 Statistical Methods	MTH 3210
MTH 3270 Data Science	(MTH 2520 or CS 2050) and (MTH 1210 or MTH 3210)
CS 1050 Computer Sci. 1	
CS 2050 Computer Sci. 2	CS 1050 and MTH 1110 or higher
CS 3120 Machine Learning	(CS 2050 or MTH 2520) and (MTH 3130 or MTH 2140 or MTH 3140)
CS 3250 Introduction to Software Development Methods and Tools	CS 2050, ENG 1020, and COMM 1010
CS 3810 Principles of Database Systems	CS 2050 and MTH 1410
DSML 2120 Data Visualization	CS 2050 and (COMM 1010 or COMM 1100)
DSML 3850 Cloud Computing	CS 3250
DSML 4220 Deep Learning	CS 2050 and (CS 3120 or MTH 3210) and (MTH 3130 or MTH 2140 or MTH 3140)
DSML 4360 Data Science and Machine Learning Senior Capstone/Experience	CS 3250 and CS 3120 and CS 3810 and DSML 2120 and MTH 1410 and MTH 3220 and JMP 2610 and (COMM 1010 or COMM 1100) and PHI 3370 and [(DSML 3850 and DSML 4220) or (DSML 3850 and MTH 3270) or (MTH 3270 and DSML 4220)]

Prerequisite Flowchart for DSML Major

