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# Master of Science Data Science

MS (Data Science) program has been designed to give students the option to be part of a data science endeavor that begins with the identification of business processes, determination of data provenance and ownership. The program is of 2-years duration offered in the evening. It requires 30 credit hours including 3 core courses (3x3=9) and 2 specialized data science courses (2x3=6). Thesis of 6 credit hours is mandatory. The maximum time limit to complete the MS(DS) degree is 4 years. The program is going to be relevant in terms of job creation and artisanal smart business generation. Graduates from this program would definitely avail the early-bird advantage.

*Data is the new oil.*  
~ Clive Humby

*Information is the oil of the  
21st century, and analytics  
is the combustion engine.*  
~ Peter Sondergaard

*Torture the data long enough,  
and it will confess.*  
~ Ronald Coase

*You can have data without  
information, but you  
cannot have information  
without data.*  
~ Daniel Keys

## Objectives

- To equip students to transform data into actionable insights to make complex decisions.
- To enable students to understand and analyze problems and arrive at computable solutions.
- To expose students to the set of technologies that match those solutions.
- To gain hands-on experience on data-centric tools for statistical analysis, visualization and big data applications at the same rigorous scale as in a practical data science project.
- To understand the implications of handling data in terms of data security and business ethics.

## Eligibility Criteria

Students with 16-years of education in the following domains

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Computer Science     | * Software Engineering   | * Information Technology |
| * Computer Engineering | * Electrical Engineering | * Statistics/Mathematics |

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# CURRICULUM

## FIRST YEAR

### FIRST SEMESTER

- Tools and Techniques for Data Science
- Statistical and Mathematical Methods for Data Science
- Elective I

### SECOND SEMESTER

- Machine Learning
- Specialization-Elective-I
- Specialization-Elective-II

## SECOND YEAR

### THIRD SEMESTER

- Elective II
- Thesis (Part-I)

### FOURTH SEMESTER

- Elective III
- Thesis (Part-II)

## ELECTIVES COURSES

- Advance Computer Vision
- Algorithmic Trading
- Text Mining
- Bayesian Data Analysis
- Big Data Analytics
- Bioinformatics
- Cloud Computing
- Deep Learning
- Computational Genomics
- Data Visualization
- High Performance Computing
- Inference & Representation
- Probabilistic Graphical Models
- Scientific Computing in Finance
- Time series Analysis and Prediction
- Introduction to Smart Cities and Smart Homes
- Introduction to R for Data Science
- Introduction to Python for Data Science
- Implementing Predictive Analysis
- Data Science in Cyber Security
- Business Context Modelling
- Advanced Topics in Decision Support Systems
- Pattern Recognition
- Graph Analytics for Big Data
- Mining Massive Datasets
- Social Network Analysis
- Natural Language Processing
- Deep Reinforcement Learning
- Distributed Data Processing and Machine Learning

## FEE STRUCTURE

Admission Fee	Rs. 20,000
Security Deposit	Rs. 10,000
Student Activity Fee	Rs. 1,000
ID Card Charges	Rs. 150

Fee per Course	Rs. 19,050
Fee per Semester	Rs. 57,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 88,300</b>





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