

# DATA SCIENCE (SADS)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

## ABSTRACT

The MS in Data Science provides an education in the theory and practice of data science including mathematical and statistical foundations, computational approaches, and communication considerations. In addition, the program covers data science-relevant probability and statistics, algorithms, big data systems, machine learning, data mining, and analysis of networks. Students who successfully complete the MS in Data Science should be able to design, conduct, interpret and communicate data analysis tasks and studies using methods and tools of statistics, machine learning, computer science, and communications. The program is offered through the Science Academy in the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences (<https://cmns.umd.edu/>).

The MS in Data Science is a 30-credit graduate program designed to for working professionals. Instruction is provided by UMD faculty and experts in the field. The program features on campus instructional delivery at the UMD College Park campus (<http://maps.umd.edu/map/>).

## CONTACT

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## ADMISSIONS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

### PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Recommendation (1 optional)
- CV/Resume
- Description of Research/Work Experience
- Prior Coursework: Prior coursework establishing quantitative ability (i.e. calculus, linear algebra, basic statistics etc.).
- Proficiency in programming languages: Proficiency in programming languages, demonstrated either through prior programming coursework or substantial software development experience.

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	May 29, 2026
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	February 27, 2026

### RESOURCES AND LINKS:

**Program Website:** <https://cmns.umd.edu/graduate/science-academy/data-science/masters> (<https://cmns.umd.edu/graduate/science-academy/data-science/masters/>)

**Application Process:** [www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions) (<http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Data Science, Master of Science (M.S.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/data-science-sads/data-science-ms/>)