The Data Science Master Degree

Data & Knowledge Engineering

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- a medical record
- a patient
- a disease
- a car
- a liver
- a pizza
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Master DKE

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Data Science Master DKE in the Faculty of Computer Science

Bachelor degree (at least 10 CS courses)

Data Science Master DKE

4 semesters / 120 ECTS

3 semesters = 90 ECTS for courses
+ 1 semester = 30 ECTS for the Master thesis
Structure of the Master DKE

FIVE thematic areas:

1. Fundamentals
2. Models
3. Methods I
4. Methods II
5. Applications
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FIVE thematic areas:

1. **Fundamentals**: Basics of data mining, database processing, data/image/multimedia engineering

2. **Models**: Knowledge representation, knowledge modeling, knowledge processing

3. **Methods I**: Knowledge discovery, artificial intelligence, machine learning

4. **Methods II**: Information processing and retrieval

5. **Applications**: Application of DKE, including business applications, medical applications, engineering applications, core CS applications (e.g. security, image understanding)
Structure of the Master DKE

Choose modules in the thematic areas:

1. Fundamentals: 30 ECTS
2. Models: 12-24 ECTS
3. Methods I: 12-24 ECTS
4. Methods II: 12-24 ECTS
5. Applications: 12-24 ECTS

Master thesis: 30 ECTS

Among them: At least one TeamProject (WTM: 6 ECTS) in one of the thematic areas 2-5
Where to choose modules from?

Fundamentals:

- Late semesters of the FIN programme for Bachelor degrees
- Modules from the FIN programme for Master degrees except of team projects ("Wissenschaftliches Teamprojekt WTM")

Models, Methods I & II, Applications:

- Modules from the FIN programme for Master degrees including team projects ("Wissenschaftliches Teamprojekt WTM")

5 ECTS
Information on all modules

Module catalogues, with the assignment of courses to each thematic area are under

http://www.inf.ovgu.de/ordnungenma.html

➢ Move down the page to Data & Knowledge Engineering

➢ Under the entry Modulhandbuch you find all offered modules under

→ Modulkatalog (Übersicht über alle Module): <current term>

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Choosing modules to

PLAN YOUR STUDIES
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From WiSe 2017/2018 on, we have a recommended plan for the 1st semester.
RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR 1st Semester (WS 2018)

• **Fundamentals:** PPSW (3 ECTS), Information Retrieval, Introduction to Simulation (also fits under Models)

• **Further Courses:** Distributed Data Management, Modeling UML with Semantics, Machine Learning, Swarm Intelligence (check the description for pre-requisites or educational background)
Focus "Data Science Methods"

Get a solid understanding on learning methods

Get a solid understanding on data management

Master some modeling technologies

Understand business applications

Spread your block judiciously between

• learning methods

• data management

Methods I: 18

Methods II: 18

Models: 12

Applications: 12

Fundamentals: 30
Make a plan NOW!

1. Find modules
2. Assign each module you chose to one of the thematic areas
3. Write down your plan and cross-check that you have the right number of modules in each thematic area!
4. When you register for the exam of a course, pick your plan and make sure that you assign the course to the correct thematic area.
5. ...
Write down the plan for your studies

1. Find modules
   - Go through the modules offered, according to the LSF
   - Read the module descriptions (web pages) and
   - Drop by at the first one or two meetings
   - Make sure you have the background needed to attend the course — ASK the teacher if you are not sure

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   - You find the mapping of modules to thematic areas in the DKE module handbook.

The LSF also lists the areas to which a module belongs, but this is often obsolete. IGNORE it!

The DKE module handbook is in German, but the index is in English. You can use the index.
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   - Make sure that you assign only as many modules to an area as are permitted.

For example, you cannot assign 30 ECTS to Applications.
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   ▪ If a module can be assigned to more than one area, check:
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       Then, the thematic area depends on the concrete topic.
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There are default areas for seminars & team projects, for example:
- most seminars/team projects with the word "business" in the name belong to APPLICATIONS.
- most seminars/team projects on databases belong to Methods II.
- seminars that belong to FUNDAMENTALS must deliver fundamental knowledge on methods I or II.
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     • If it is a course (e.g. Swarm Intelligence), then choose one of the permitted thematic areas carefully!
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4. When you register for the exam of a course in HISQIS:
   Consult your plan of studies!
   - Is the course's area, as is in your plan, also listed in HISQIS?
     
     YES: Click into the area you want.
     
     NO: Cross-check into the latest version of the module hand book!
     - If HISQIS disagrees with the module hand book:
       go to the Examinations Office and ask for help
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5. After the exam, check in HISQIS:

Is your course (and the ECTS) assigned in the area you wanted?

YES

NO: Pick the printout of your enrollment and ask for help.
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5. After the exam, check in HISQIS whether the courses are assigned as you wanted them.

6. At each semester, UPDATE your plan of studies according to the most recent version of the module hand book.
Do's and Don'ts

• **DO:** choose introductory courses

• **DO:** prefer courses that give you background in Methods; this will give you the background you need for a larger choice of advanced courses from the next term

• **DO:** read carefully the background expected by each course -- it is really expected

• **DO:** approach faculty members

• **DO NOT choose:** too many courses

• **DO NOT choose yet:** scientific teamprojects -- wait until a higher semester
Do's and Don'ts

• **DO NOT choose:** courses that are not in the Module Hand Book, even if they show up in LSF - ask the mentors and the studies coordinator first!

• **DO NOT choose before attending PPSW:** seminars - unless you have had a scientific seminar in your previous studies

• **DO NOT choose:** courses that expect background you do not have

• **DO NOT assume:** that you can acquire background knowledge you do not have in parallel to a course that requires this background knowledge

• **DO NOT use:** LSF to map courses to areas; use exclusively the Module Hand Book
How much to study?
Data Science is fascinating – the more of it the better

Q 1: Can I enroll to more courses than 90 ECTS?

A: Perhaps. Get approval before enrolling!

Extra courses appear in your Transcript of Records in a separate field. So, you have evidence that you passed them.

BUT

Extra courses are not counted in the final grade.
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Q2: I have enrolled to more than 90 ECTS. What now?

A: Courses are sorted by 1st exam, earliest first, and the ECTS sum up. As soon as 90 ECTS are reached, the remaining courses are extra courses.

The courses are sorted by the 1st exam, and the ECTS are summed up, even if you did not pass the exam.

- The ECTS you will get from a course are counted as soon as you had an exam for it. They are already reserved for you. This is a consequence of the fact that you cannot step down from an exam.
Getting Advice
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FARAFIN is the Students' Board of the Faculty of Computer Science (FIN). They are students. They are already familiar with the studies here. They are volunteers who support other students in their studies. They organize several events – from time management courses to get-together parties.

www.inf-international.ovgu.de/Welcome/Mentoring+Program.html
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1. Advice for choosing modules
2. Advice for making plans of studies
3. Crosscheck of module mappings (seminars, projects)
4. Arbitrary questions
Thanks!!