

Program Progression Guides

Disclaimer: The [2025-2026 Purdue West Lafayette catalog](#) is considered the source for academic and programmatic requirements for students entering programs during the Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026 semesters. The Program Progression Guide assists students in the development of an individualized 8-semester plan. Students are encouraged to use this guide, MyPurduePlan* (online degree auditing tool) and the Student Educational Planner (SEP) as they work with their academic advisor towards the completion of their degree requirements.

Notification: Each student is ultimately responsible for knowing, monitoring, and completing all degree requirements.

An undergraduate degree in the College of Science requires completion of the following degree requirements.

University Degree Requirements		
Minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA	Minimum 120 Credits that fulfill degree requirements	32 Residency Credits (30000 and above) at a Purdue University campus
University Core Curriculum**		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Cultures: Behavioral/Social Science Human Cultures: Humanities Information Literacy Oral Communication <p>University Core Curriculum Course Listing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Reasoning Science Science, Technology & Society Selective Written Communication 	
Civic Literacy Proficiency - https://www.purdue.edu/provost/about/provostInitiatives/civics/		
Required Major Program Courses		
Departmental specific requirements: For this degree, all major required courses, all major electives (selectives), and their pre-requisites, regardless of department, must be completed with a grade of C or better.		
College of Science Core Curriculum		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Communication – 3-4 credits Technical Writing and Presentation – 3-6 credits Teaming & Collaboration (NC) General Education - 9 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Language & Culture – 0-9 credits Great Issues - 3 credits Laboratory Science – 6-8 credits Science, Technology & Society - 3 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics - 6-10 credits Statistics - 3 credits Computing – 3-4 credits
Degree Electives		
Any Purdue or transfer course approved to meet degree requirements in accordance with individual departmental policies. The College of Science has identified courses that are below the disciplinary level of each program and major area of study. While similar, Not Recommended course lists vary between departments.		

* This audit is not your academic transcript, and it is not official notification of completion of degree or certificate requirements.

** University Core Curriculum Outcomes may be met through completion of the College of Science Core curriculum. Students should consult with their academic advisors and MyPurdue Plan for course selections.

2025-2026 Data Science - Computer Science Degree Progression Guide

The Computer Science Department has suggested the following degree progression guide for the Data Science Degree. Students will work with their academic advisors to determine their best path to degree completion. Course pre-requisites are specific to this degree plan.

Credit	Fall 1st Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 1st Year	Prerequisite
4	CS 18000 ^{CC} ***	Co-req CALC I	3	CS 18200 ***	CS 18000 & CALC I
1	CS 19300 *	Co-req CS 18000	1	CS 38003 ***	CS 18000
4-5	MA 16100 ^{CC} or 16500 ^{CC} **	ALEKS 85+	4-5	MA 16200 or MA 16600 **	CALC I
3-4	Science Core Option		3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Free Elective		3	Science Core Option	
1	Free Elective		1-2	Free Elective	
16-18			15-18		

Credit	Fall 2nd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 2nd Year	Prerequisite
3	CS 24200***	CS 18200, CS 38003, & Co-req STAT 35500	3	CS 25300 ***	CS/STAT 24200
3	STAT 35500 ***	CALC II	3	MA 35100 ***	CALC III
4-5	MA 26100 or MA 27101***	CALC II	3	STAT 41600 ***	CALC III
3-4	Science Core Option		3	Ethics Selective ***	Varies
1-3	Free Elective		3-4	Science Core Option	
			1-2	Free Elective	
14-18			16-18		

Credit	Fall 3rd Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 3rd Year	Prerequisite
3	CS 37300 ***	CS 25300 & Pre/co-req STAT 35500	3	CS Selective ***	Varies
3	STAT 41700 ***	STAT 35500 & STAT 41600	3	STAT Selective ***	Varies
3	Science Core Option (sugg. COM 21700)		3-4	Science Core Option	
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3	Free Elective		3	Free Elective	
15-16			15-17		

Credit	Fall 4th Year	Prerequisite	Credit	Spring 4th Year	Prerequisite
3	CS Selective ***	Varies	0-3	CS 44100, Data Science Capstone (Recommended Option) /or Capstone Experience ***	CS 37300
3	CS 44000 ***	CS 37300 & STAT 41700	3-4	Science Core Option	
3-4	Science Core Option		3-4	Science Core Option	
3	Free Elective		3	Free Elective	
3	Free Elective		3	Free Elective	
1	Free Elective		1	Free Elective	
16-17			13-18		

Science Core Curriculum Options (one course needed for each requirement unless otherwise noted)

Options recommended for first- and second-year students	Options recommended for third- and fourth-year students
Written Communication ^{UC}	Technical Writing and Presentation ^{UC} (COM 217 recommended)
Computing (CS 18000)	General Education ^{UC} (3 courses needed)
Foreign Language and Culture ^{UC} (3 courses needed)	Lab Science ^{UC} (2 courses needed)
Science, Technology & Society ^{UC}	Great Issues

^{UC} Select courses may also satisfy a University Core Curriculum requirement; see the University Core Requirement [course list](#) for approved courses. Students must have 32 credits at the 30000 level or above taken at Purdue.

*Enrollment in CS 19300 is recommended with CS 18000. It is not a degree requirement. Superscript of CC (eg CS 18000^{CC}) indicates a Critical Course.

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Equivalent 10000 and 20000-level Computer Science (CS) transfer credit courses (including credit from regional campuses) may be used to meet degree requirements if those courses were taken prior to admission to the Purdue West Lafayette Data Science, B.S. CS program. CS transfer credit at the 30000-40000-level may not be used to meet degree

requirements. An exception to this policy is the application of pre-approved Study Abroad coursework.

2025-2026 Data Science - Computer Science Major Courses

Credits	Course Number	Course Description
4	CS 18000	Problem Solving and object-Oriented Programming
3	CS 18200	Foundations of Computer Science
1	CS 38003	Python Programming
3	CS/or STAT 24200	Introduction to Data Science
3	STAT 35500	Statistics for Data Science
3	CS 25300	Data Structures and Algorithms for DS/AI
4-5	MA 26100 or MA 27101	Multivariate Calculus
3	MA 35100	Elementary Linear Algebra
3	STAT 41600	Probability
3	CS 37300	Data Mining and Machine Learning
3	STAT 41700	Statistical Theory
3	CS 44000	Large Scale Data Analytics
0-3	CS 44100	Data Science Capstone

2025-2026 Data Science- Computer Science Computer Science Selective Course Options (Choose 2)

Credits	Course Number	Course Description
3	CS 30700 or CS 40800	Software Engineering I or Software Testing
3	CS 31400	Numerical Methods
3	CS 34800 or CS 44800	Information Systems or Introduction to Relational Databases
3	CS 38100 or CS 48300	Introduction to the Analysis of Algorithms or Introduction to the Theory of Computation
3	CS 35500	Introduction to Cryptography
3	CS 43900	Introduction to Data Visualization
3	CS 47100	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
3	CS 47300	Web Information Search and Management
3	CS 47500	Human Computer Interaction

2025-2026 Data Science - Computer Science Statistic Selective Course Options (Choose 1)

Credits	Course Number	Course Description
3	STAT 42000	Introduction to Time Series
3	MA 43200	Elementary Stochastic Processes
3	STAT 50600	Statistical Programming and Data Management
3	STAT 51200	Applied Regression Analysis
3	STAT 51300	Statistical Quality Control
3	STAT 51400	Design of Experiments
3	STAT 52200	Sampling and Survey Techniques
3	STAT 52500	Intermediate Statistical Methodology

2025-2026 Data Science - Computer Science Ethics Selective Course Options (Choose 1)

Credits	Course Number	Course Description
3	ILS 23000	Data Science & Society: Ethical, Legal, Social Issues
3	PHIL 20700	Ethics For Technology, Engineering, And Design
3	PHIL 20800	Ethics Of Data Science