Specialized Master in data science, Big data

This programme is taught in english.

Job opportunities

The present master has been created to deepen your knowledge and understanding of emerging, state-of-the-art database technologies. Indeed, the intensive use of computers and the internet in the beginning of the present century has a clear impact on the way data have to be collected and treated. In many situations, practitioners have to deal with massive databases (« Big data »).

Data science finds its roots in many applications: genomics and high scale DNA sequencing generate tons of data at many different biological levels; the use of social networks, mobile phones, tablets generate data every single second; robots and industrial equipments are nowadays equipped with sensors that provide a huge amount of information and therefore huge databases. In economics and in finance, practitioners have to deal with real-time forecasts based on high-frequency data (production, trade, market data).

The master is a natural preparation for the following jobs: “data scientist”, “data manager”, “analytics manager” or simply “statistician” or “computer scientist” that are increasingly demanded by companies.

Programme objectives

You have already a master degree and good knowledges in computer sciences or in statistics and you are interested by their applications. Then the present master is a natural choice to improve your skills and become a specialist in massive data analysis. The program we propose here is fully taught in english and therefore opens to the international job market.

In particular, the objective of the master is to improve the following skills:

- Perform a research project or an applied innovation in computer sciences or in statistics.
- Design and implement applications based on artificial intelligence and learning techniques.
- Clearly communicate to various types of audiences conclusions or results of a project in computer sciences, statistics or econometrics.
- Be able to develop new skills by yourself.
- Be able to be rigorous, independent, ethic, creative and aware of the impact of the results obtained for a company or for the society in general.

Benefits of the training

The specialized master in data science, big data provides an interdisciplinary training in data analysis (model choice, forecast, inference, learning) of big data. The program has been constructed in order to teach both statistical and computer sciences techniques. We furthermore propose lectures in econometrics to let students deal with quantitative practical aspects. The student who wants to complete his/her master by an internship will clearly benefit form the fact that Brussels is full of companies interested by the profile.

Several faculties are involved in the master: the Faculty of Sciences, the Brussels School of Engineering and the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management from ULB and also partners for the VUB. This is clearly an asset since it reinforces the interdisciplinary aspect of the master which is supported by various important teams of researchers from the ULB and the VUB:

- ECARES, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management
- IB2 (Interuniversity Institute of Bioinformatics in Brussels), ULB/VUB
- IRIDIA, Brussels School of Engineering
- LISA, Brussels School of Engineering
- Machine Learning Group, Faculty of Sciences
- Mathematical Statistics Group, Faculty of Sciences
- WIT, Brussels School of Engineering
Programme title: Specialized Master in data science, Big data

Programme mnemonic: MS-BGDA

Studies level: Advanced masters

Learning language:

Schedule:

Campus: Solbosch and Plaine
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Unique year

Cours obligatoires

INFO-H600  Computing foundations of data sciences  Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h]  English

MEMO-F541  Mémoire/ Stage en entreprise
            20 credits [mfe/tfe: 240h]

STAT-F600  Multivariate and high-dimensional statistics  Thomas VERDEBOUT (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 12h]

STAT-S502  Data management and analytics  Pierre DEVILLE (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 24h]  English

Module 1 : Statistique

Two courses chosen from the following

INFO-F422  Statistical foundations of machine learning  Gianluca BONTEMPI (Coordinator) and Bernard MANDERICK
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h]  English

STAT-F405  Time series analysis I  Christophe CROUX (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  English

STAT-F408  Computational statistics  Maarten JANSEN (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  English

STAT-F420  Topics in mathematical statistics  Thomas VERDEBOUT (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  English
            Cours donné un an sur deux, donné en 2018-19, 2020-21,...

STAT-F423  Statistical learning  Christine DE MOL (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  English

Module 2 : Informatique

Two courses chosen from the following

INFO-F424  Combinatorial optimization  Michaeïl POSS (Coordinator)
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 12h]  English

INFO-F524  Continuous optimization  Michaeïl POSS (Coordinator) and Bernard FORTZ
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 24h]  English

INFO-H423  Data Mining  Mohamed Hatem HADDAD (Coordinator) and Mahmoud SAKR
            5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 24h]  English

INFO-H501  Pattern recognition and image analysis  Olivier DEBEIR (Coordinator) and Christine DECAESTECKER
            5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 24h, project: 12h]  English
INFO-H512  Current trends in artificial intelligence  Hugues BERSINI (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 30h]  English

INFO-H515  Big Data : Distributed Data Management and Scalable Analytics  Stijn VANSUMMEREN (Coordinator), Gianluca BONTEMPI and Ann NOWE
5 credits [lecture: 24h, practical work: 18h, project: 45h]  English

Module 3 : Econométrie

One course chosen from the following

ECON-S428  

GEST-S503  Financial econometrics  Olivier SCAILLET (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  English