Data Science, Analytics and Engineering, PhD

Learn to meet the societal need for data-driven discovery of new knowledge and decision-making using the capability to build and deploy state-of-the-art data analysis and engineering tools, which enhances business and government performance as well as scientific investigation.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Data Science, Analytics and Engineering
The PhD program in data science, analytics and engineering engages students in fundamental and applied research as preparation for careers in academia, government or industry.

The program's educational objective is to develop each student's ability to perform original research in the development and execution of data-driven methods for solving major societal problems. This includes the ability to identify research needs, adapt existing methods and create new methods as needed for data analytics and engineering.

At a Glance

- College/School: Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
- Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation
Required Core (12 credit hours)
CSE 510 Database Management System Implementation (3)
CSE 543 Information Assurance and Security (3)
CSE 572 Data Mining (3) or IEE 520 Statistical Learning for Data Mining (3)
IEE 670 Mathematical Statistics (3) or STP 502 Theory of Statistics II: Inference (3)

Electives (39 credit hours)

Research (12 credit hours)
DSE 792 Research (12)

Other Requirements (9 credit hours)
data engineering coursework or
data analytics coursework

Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)
DSE 799 Dissertation (12)

Additional Curriculum Information
All students must take qualifying exams covering the required core courses within one year of matriculation into the program.

The dissertation prospectus should be submitted and its oral defense completed no later than one year following completion of the 60th credit hour and also no later than the fourth year in the program.

Students must select coursework from either the data engineering or the data analytics requirements. Students should see the academic unit for the approved course list.

Students cannot take a data engineering or data analytics course and have it meet an elective requirement at the same time. Students need to take a different elective course to reach the total number of credit hours required for the program. Other coursework may be used with approval of the academic unit to fulfill these requirements.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this degree. If students do not have a previously awarded master's degree, the 30 hours of coursework are to be made up of electives to reach the required 84 credit hours.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.
Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in engineering, computer science, mathematics, statistics or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. letter of intent or written statement
5. GRE scores
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Official TOEFL scores are required, and must have been taken within the last two years (only required for those who did not graduate with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution). The TOEFL score must be valid on the first day of class for the term the student is applying for. The School of Computing, Informatics and Decision Systems Engineering requires that TOEFL scores must be above 575 (paper), or 90 (iBT). IELTS with a minimum overall band score of 7.0 or the Pearson Test of English (PTE) with a minimum score of 65 or higher are also accepted.

If the student is assigned any deficiency coursework upon admission, those classes must be completed with a grade of "B" (scale is 4.00 = "A") or higher within two semesters of admission to the program. Deficiency courses do not apply to the total credit hours required to complete the degree program.

Deficiency courses are:
CSE 205 Object-Oriented Programming and Data Structures
IEE 380 Probability and Statistics for Engineering Problem Solving
MAT 242 Elementary Linear Algebra OR MAT 342 Linear Algebra OR MAT 343 Applied Linear Algebra
MAT 267 Calculus for Engineers III

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring

Career Opportunities
The doctoral program in data science, analytics and engineering provides a rigorous education with research and educational experiences that allow graduates to pursue careers in advanced research, teaching or state-of-the-art practice. Graduates demonstrate proficiency with existing methodology and significant accomplishment at advancing the state of the art in their chosen area of data science, analytics and engineering.

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