



2025-2026 Core & Concentrations

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MCDS Graduation Requirements:
MCDS Core Courses
Capstone Requirement
One Set of Concentration Courses
One Elective (any 600+ level SCS course)

Analytics Concentration Requirements:

- 1 x Big Data
- 1 x Machine Learning
- 1 x Analytics Systems

Machine Learning

- 10-605 Machine Learning with Large Datasets
- 10-617 Intermediate Deep Learning
- 10-623 Generative AI
- 10-624 Bayesian Methods in Machine Learning
- 10-701 Introduction to Machine Learning (PhD)
- 10-703 Deep Reinforcement Learning & Control
- 10-707 Advanced Deep Learning
- 10-708 Probabilistic Graphical Models
- 10-714 Deep Learning Systems: Algorithms and Implementation
- 10-716 Advanced Machine Learning: Theory & Methods
- 10-725 Optimization for Machine Learning
- 11-641 Machine Learning for Graphs
- 11-667 Large Language Models Methods and Applications
- 11-685 Introduction to Deep Learning
- 11-767 On-Device Machine Learning
- 11-777 Multimodal Machine Learning
- 11-785 Introduction to Deep Learning
- 11-891 Neural Code Generation
- 36-705 Intermediate Statistics
- 36-708 Statistical Methods in Machine Learning

Analytics Systems

- 10-605 Machine Learning with Large Datasets
- 10-708 Probabilistic Graphical Models
- 10-714 Deep Learning Systems: Algorithms and Implementation
- 11-642 Search Engines
- 17-645 Machine Learning in Production
- 11-711 Advanced Natural Language Processing
- 11-737 Multilingual Natural Language Processing
- 11-751 Speech Recognition and Understanding
- 11-767 On-Device Machine Learning
- 11-775 Large Scale Multimedia Analysis
- 11-797 Question Answering
- 11-868 Large Language Model Systems
- 11-877 Advanced Topics in Multimodal Machine Learning
- 15-642 Machine Learning Systems
- 15-884 Machine Learning Systems

Big Data

- 10-791 Representation Learning
- 11-641 Machine Learning with Graphs
- 11-663 Applied Machine Learning
- 11-667 Large Language Models Methods and Applications
- 11-688 Concepts in Digital Multimedia and Cyber Forensics
- 11-692 Speech Technology for Conversational AI
- 11-711 Advanced Natural Language Processing
- 11-737 Multilingual Natural Language Processing
- 11-751 Speech Recognition and Understanding
- 11-755 Machine Learning for Signal Processing
- 11-775 Large Scale Multimedia Analysis
- 11-777 Multimodal Machine Learning
- 11-788 Computational Forensics & AI
- 11-877 Advanced Topics in Multimodal Machine Learning
- 11-891 Neural Code Generation
- 15-686 Neural Computation
- 16-824 Visual Learning and Recognition

Human-Centered Data Science Concentration Requirements:

- 1x Research Methods
- 2x HCI

Research Methods

- 05-610 User Centered Research & Evaluation
- 05-816 Applied Research Methods

Human-Computer Interaction

- 05-615 Persuasive Design
- 05-617 Design of Artificial Intelligence Products
- 05-618 Human AI Interaction
- 05-660 Interaction Design Fundamentals
- 05-813 Human Factors
- 05-818 Design of Educational Games
- 05-823 E-Learning Design Principles and Methods
- 05-833 Applied Gadgets, Sensors and Activity Recognition in HCI
- 05-836 Usable Privacy and Security
- 05-840 Tools for Online Learning
- 05-872 Rapid Prototyping of Computer Systems
- 05-891 Designing Human Centered Systems
- 05-899 Crowd Programming
- 05-899 Learning Analytics and Educational Data Science
- 05-899 AI: Design for the Long Term
- 05-899 FATE (Fairness, Accountability, Transparency, and Ethics) in Sociotechnical Systems
- 05-899 Interactive Extended Reality
- 05-899 Justice through Design
- 05-899 Transformational Game Design Studio

MCDS CORE

10-601 Machine Learning

15-619 Cloud Computing

11-637 Foundations of Computational Data Science

05-839 Interactive Data Science

11-631 Data Science Seminar

Systems Concentration Requirements:

- 3 x Systems Project

Systems Projects

- 11-868 Large Language Model Systems
- 15-605 Operating System Design and Implementation
- 15-611 Compiler Design
- 15-618 Parallel Computer Architecture and Programming
- 15-640 Distributed Systems
- 15-641 Networking and the Internet
- 15-642 Machine Learning Systems
- 15-645 Database Systems
- 15-712 Advanced Operating Systems and Distributed Systems
- 15-719 Advanced Cloud Computing
- 15-721 Database Systems
- 15-746 Storage Systems
- 15-821 Mobile and Pervasive Computing

Capstone Requirements:

- Capstone Planning Seminar
- Internship
- 2 x Capstone Courses

Capstone Requirement

- 11-630 Internship
- 11-632 Data Science Capstone
- 11-634 Capstone Planning Seminar
- 11-635 Capstone Research