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M.Sc. Program in Machine Learning and Data Science

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Introduction

Reichman University's Efi Arazi School of Computer Science has built an innovative and intensive M.Sc. program aimed at providing deep theoretical and practical understanding of data science, machine learning and big-data technologies to students with a strong quantitative background and education.

The program will endow the students with knowledge, as well as skills and tools, in central fields such as machine learning, algorithms, databases, and statistical inference. Students will attend frontal lectures, seminars, and produce projects of different scales providing them with hands-on experience in the data-science and machine learning domains. The conducive learning environment at the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science provides a community and team-up opportunities for students, scientists and researchers from the entire scientific spectrum.

Upon completing our M.Sc. program in data science, our graduates will have gained a strong background in the science and the technology that form the basis to the growing activity in data analysis, data collection and processing and related usage. They will also have acquired expertise in programming for data science using Python, including skills in using programming in statistical analysis and advanced machine learning. Additionally, they will have acquired deeper specialization in data science based on the elective courses of the program: infrastructure courses, big-data and databases, neural networks and deep learning, statistics, optimization, scientific computing, modern bioinformatics and environmental informatics, computer graphics and vision, numerical analysis, and biomedical data science.

The curriculum of the M.Sc. Program in Machine Learning and Data Science includes:

- 4 Mandatory core courses (13 credits)
- 1 advanced mandatory course (3 credits)
- 5 Elective courses (15 credits) out of which:
 - At least 1 Mandatory Applied Data Science Elective (at least 3 credits)
- 1 Mandatory project (5 credits)
- 3 Preparatory CS courses – only for non-CS graduates
- Preparatory math courses – if necessary

Overall, the M.Sc. students are required to complete 36 credits.

Program of Studies

Year 1

Mandatory core courses

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Fall Semester					
3620	Statistics and Data Analysis	3	1	4	Introduction to Probability
Spring Semester					
3667	ML and Data Analysis	3	1	3	Introduction to Probability

Elective courses

Students are required to take **5** elective courses over the course of the degree.

One of them must be selected out of the list of Applied Data Science elective courses. The rest of the credits can be taken as **4** elective courses from either the core Applied Data Science course list or the CS elective course list. Student can take **up to 3** elective courses during their first year of study and 3-4 electives during their second year, for a total of **5** elective courses.

Only one of the elective courses can be a seminar.

Core Applied Data Science Electives

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours		Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Fall Semester					
3604	Data Streaming Algorithms and Online Learning	3		3	
3959	Text Retrieval and Search Engines	3		3	
Spring Semester					
164	Introduction to Computer Graphics	3	1	3	Algorithms
3613	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3		3	

CS elective courses

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Fall Semester				
159	Cryptography	3	3	
3581	Advanced Data Structures	3	3	
3519	Computational Geometry	3	3	
3671	The Art of Rhetoric in the Hi-Tech World- Workshop	3	3	
3682	Attacks on Secure Implementations	3	3	
3915	Introduction to Image Processing and Analysis •	3	3	
3961	Cloud Computing and Software Engineering •	3	3	
3677	Randomized Algorithms - Seminar	3	3	
3983	Introduction to Quantum Computation	3	3	
3991	Social Networks Analysis	3	3	
Spring Semester				
217	Computer Vision	3	3	
3123	Databases Management •	3	3	
3613	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3	3	
3616	Game Theory	3	3	
3626	Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies	3	3	

3643	Advanced Topics in Computer Systems Security	3	3
3664	Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence	3	3
3678	Algebraic methods in computer science	3	3
3987	Algorithmic Game Theory	3	3

- Only one of the elective courses can be a seminar.
- Advanced undergraduate elective course- registration is only possible during the changes period and depending on vacancy.

Year 2

Mandatory core courses

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Recitation Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Annual Course					
3624	Final Project *			5	
Fall Semester					
3798	Information Theory ** ►	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
Spring Semester					
3600	Deep Learning ▲	3	1	3	
3945	Advanced Machine Learning	3	1	3	Machine Learning from Data

* Individual meetings that will be scheduled directly with the project team (from Academia or Industry).

** Can be substituted by Advanced Algorithms (3501). Substitution requires approval from the Program Director.

▲ The course **Deep Learning** is taught in Hebrew and can be replaced by course 3994 (which is taught In English in the Fall semester)

► **Students studying in the Thesis track** must learn all three courses:

3797 - Advanced Statistical Analysis and Model Based Learning or -Information Theory (3798)

3501 - Advanced Algorithms

3945 - Advanced Machine Learning

Elective courses

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Core Applied Data Science Elective

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours		Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Fall Semester					
3571	Algorithms in Computational Biology	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3604	Data Streaming Algorithms and Online Learning	3		3	
3639	Recommendation Systems	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3640	Reinforcement Learning	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3959	Text Retrieval and Search Engines	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3997	LLMs and Multi-Agent Orchestration	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
Spring Semester					
164	Introduction to Computer Graphics	3	1	3	Algorithms
3523	Natural Language Processing	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3640	Reinforcement Learning	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3960	DNA Sequencing, Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics	3		3	
3613	Introduction to Bioinformatics	3		3	
3978	Generative Models of Images and Text	3		3	Machine Learning from Data
3670	Advanced seminar in natural language processing ■◆	3		3	Machine Learning from Data

CS elective courses

Course No.	Course Name	Lecture Hours	Total Credit Points	Prerequisites
Fall Semester				
159	Cryptography	3	3	
3519	Computational Geometry	3	3	
3581	Advanced Data Structures	3	3	
3585	Seminar on Logic, Mathematics, and Philosophy ■	3	3	
3671	The Art of Rhetoric in the Hi-Tech World	3	3	
3669	Introduction to Speech Recognition	3	3	
3682	Attacks on Secure Implementations	3	3	
3915	Introduction to Image Processing	3	3	
3961	Cloud Computing and Software	3	3	
3962	Signal Processing for Artificial Intelligence in Audio	3	3	
3677	Randomized Algorithms – Seminar ■	3	3	
3983	Introduction to Quantum Computation	3	3	
3991	Social Networks Analysis	3	3	
Spring Semester				
217	Computer Vision	3	3	
3123	Databases Management ●	3	3	
3616	Game Theory	3	3	
3626	Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies	3	3	

3643	Advanced Topics in Computer Systems Security	3	3
3664	Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence	3	3
3678	Algebraic methods in computer science	3	3
3835	Seminar - Mathematics and Computers ■	3	3
3834	Seminar - Distributed Algorithms ■	3	3
3904	Intelligent Autonomous Agents: Design and Implementation	3	3
3987	Algorithmic Game Theory	3	3
6569	Introduction to Synthetic Biology and its Applications for Biosensors Development	3	3

- Only one of the elective courses can be a seminar.
- ◆ Registration for these seminars will be open on the second day of the registration period.
- Advanced undergraduate elective course- registration is only possible during the changes period and depending on vacancy.

Exam Schedule the dates of the examinations can be found on the University website under Students > Student Information > Course Catalog, Student Regulations and Syllabus > Search Exams A personal examinations schedule is published at the Student's Information website (My Runi).