

# Program Change Request

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## Viewing: **SC-CERG-DSCI : Data Science Graduate Certificate**

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**Catalog Pages  
Using this Program**

[Data Science Graduate Certificate](#)

**No Longer** 2024-2025

**Anticipated closure  
date (i.e., calendar**

**Rationale for**

**Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?**

No

**Effective Catalog:** 2024-2025

**Program Level:** Graduate

**Program Type:** Certificate

**Degree Type:** Graduate Certificate

**Title:** Data Science Graduate Certificate

### Approval Criteria

1. What was the process used within your academic
2. Who was involved in approving the badge?
3. What evidence was used to identify need/demand
4. Please attest to the following statements regarding your badge
  - a. Have you ensured there are no other existing badges
  - b. Has CPE confirmed the proposed badge does not
  - c. Has the instructor(s) for this badge experience been
  - d. Is there a contact hour minimum?
  - e. Is an assessment required?
  - f. Does this badge provide a benefit for current or
5. Is this badge co-sponsored with another organization, association, or unit? (If you would like an
  - a. What is the organization, program, or department

### In Workflow

1. **CDS Chair**
2. **SC Curriculum Committee**
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Graduate
5. Registrar-Programs

### Approval Path

1. 02/26/24 1:53 pm  
Jason Kinser  
(jkinser): Approved for CDS Chair

### History

1. Oct 23, 2017 by clmig-jwehrheim
2. Feb 14, 2018 by rzachari
3. Nov 8, 2018 by rzachari
4. Feb 23, 2021 by jriemen

**Earning Criteria**

Course:

Badge:

Participant:

Payment:

Portfolio:

Presentation:

Assessment:

Credential:

Education

Other:

Project:

Professional

Schedule/Registration:

Volunteer:

**Skills Tag**

Skills Tag

**Badge Attributes**

Please select one from each category:

Achievement Type:

Mastery Level:

Time Commitment:

Cost:

Industry Standards:

Recommendations:

**Issuance information and Pricing**

Pricing: See <https://cpe.amu.edu/digitalbadgespricing/> for more information.

Estimated Number of Badges Expected to be Issued:

**Notes:**

- All badge requests will be routed to CPE for review and approval. Please allow 7 business days for processing. A draft badge template and design will be provided
- A Mason Digital Credentials Advisory Group may be developed to review badge development on an annual basis to determine which badges are underutilized and may need to be archived. Earners for any archived badges will always retain
- To view examples of all active badges at Mason, please see:

**Banner Title:** CERG Data Science

**Is this a retitling of an existing program?**

**Existing Program**

**Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV Status** Approved

**Registrar’s Office Use Only – Program Start Term** Spring 2019

**Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV** [Approve CERG Data Science 100118.pdf](#)

**Letter**

**Registrar/OAPI Use  
Only – SACSCOC  
Status**

**Concentration(s):**

**INTO Major(s):**

**Registrar/IRR Use  
Only –  
Concentration CIP  
Code**

**College/School:** College of Science

**Department /  
Academic Unit:** Computational & Data Sciences

**Jointly Owned  
Program?** No

**Participating**

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**Justification** What: Referring applicants to central admissions language and removing extraneous wording.  
Why: To make the program more adaptable to changes in university policies.

## Catalog Published Information

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**Total Credits  
Required:** Total credits: 15

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:**  
SC-CERG-DSCI

**Registrar/IRR Use  
Only – Program CIP  
Code**

**Admission  
Requirements:**

## Admissions

[University-wide admissions policies can be found in the Graduate Admissions Policies section of this catalog. International students and students having earned international degrees should also refer to Admission of International Students for additional requirements.](#)

## Eligibility Admissions

Applicants to ~~all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Graduate Admission Policies section of this catalog.~~ Applicants to this certificate should have an academic background in science, engineering, mathematics, or computer science. They should

have an undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a Mason-recognized U.S. institutional accrediting agency or international equivalent with a GPA of at least 3.00 in their last 60 credits of study. In addition, applicants should have facility in using a high-level computer programming language.

## Application Requirements

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To apply for this certificate, ~~apply~~, prospective students should submit complete the George Mason University Admissions Application and its required supplemental documentation. ~~Application, supply two copies of official transcripts from each college and graduate institution attended, and a current résumé.~~

The GRE is not required for admission into this certificate.

~~TOEFL scores are required for all international applicants.~~

**Program-Specific  
Policies:**

## Policies

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For policies governing all graduate certificates, see ~~degrees, see~~ AP.6 Graduate Policies.

## Transferring Previous Graduate Credit into this Certificate

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Previously earned and relevant graduate credits may be eligible for transfer into this certificate; details can be found in the Credit by Exam or Transfer section of this catalog.

**Degree Requirements:**

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students should refer to the Admissions & Policies tab for specific policies related to this certificate, program.

## Tools Courses

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<u>CSI 500</u> Computational Science Tools	3
<u>CSI 501</u> Computational Science Programming	3
<u>CDS 501</u> Scientific Information and Data Visualization	3
<u>CDS 502</u> Introduction to Scientific Data and Databases	3
Total Credits	12

## Applications Courses

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The applications courses provide content from a specific scientific domain and demonstrate the utilization of techniques within its context.

Select one from the following: 3

CSI 695 Scientific Databases

CSI 777 Principles of Knowledge Mining

CSS 692 Social Network Analysis

Total Credits 3

**Retroactive  
Requirements  
Updates:**

**Plan of Study:**

**Honors  
Information:**

**Accelerated  
Description/Dual  
Degree  
Description:**

**INTO-Mason  
Requirements:**

**College  
Requirements &  
Policies:**

Department /  
Academic Unit  
Requirements &  
Policies:

**Program Outcomes**

**Additional Program Information**

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*This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.*

**Courses offered via  
distance (if  
applicable):**

**Indicate whether  
students are able  
to pursue on a:**      Both Full and Part-time basis

**What is the  
primary delivery  
format for the  
program?**      Face-to-Face Only

**Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?**  
No

**Off-campus details:**  
**Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?**  
No

Please explain:

**Related  
Departments**

**Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in  
Virginia or elsewhere?**

No

Please explain:

Are you adding or removing a licensure component?

No

Please explain:

## Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information

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Is the content of the new program closely related to that of an existing approved program at the same instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, doctoral)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "advancing the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at lower degree level, new content is at the higher degree level)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "lowering the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at higher degree level, new content is at the lower degree level)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this a re-opening of a program that was closed to admission within the last five years?

Date of Program Closure

What are the methods of delivery for the program?

Does this program include a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

Is this change a simple retitling of an existing program, with no other changes, to any existing program content, curriculum requirements, etc?

No

Does this change represent a repackaging of content in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral)?

No

Which existing approved program(s)?

Percentage of total credits containing new course content. ("New course content" is defined by SACSCOC as content that is not currently included in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same instructional level. Do not exclude gen ed credits in calculations for undergraduate programs.)

0%-24%

Does this change include the addition of a distance education or face-to-face method of delivery for this program?

No

What is the new method of delivery?

Does this change include the addition of a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

No

Will any additional equipment/facilities be needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Will any additional faculty be required?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Will any additional financial resources be needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

Additional library/learning resources needed?

No

Description of institutional impact:

### OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

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Comments or Notes

### Green Leaf Program Designation

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Is this a Green Leaf program? No

#### Green Leaf Designation

*Sustainability-focused academic programs require at least one green leaf course. Either that course is itself sustainability-focused or else the program requires a set of sustainability-related courses with aggregated substance equivalent to a sustainability focused course.*

#### Relationship to Existing Courses

#### Relationship to Existing Programs

List sustainability-focused courses currently required in the degree

Sustainability-related academic programs either require at least one sustainability-related course or else offer any green leaf course as an option or elective \*

List sustainability-related courses currently required in the degree

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Impacted Departments

Additional Attachments

SCHEV Proposal

Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

Additional Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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Attached Document

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