

## **Appendix A**

### **Employer Needs Survey Summary and Submissions**



	A	B	J	K	L	M	N
1	Company						
2	Name	Type	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Social Data Science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?
3	Sightline Retail	Management and Consulting	No (but it's possible we do not fully understand this (concentration) and the application in a business environment)	Yes	No	Yes -- absolutely, as our first preference altogether	
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6	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Food Industry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
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9	Rock Analytics	Consulting: Visual Analytics	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	No	
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15	Walmart	Retailer	Maybe	Maybe	No	Yes	
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27	@OneStoneEconmm		No	No	No	Yes	
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32	JB Hunt	Transportation & Logistics	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Yes	
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1	<b>Company</b>				
2	<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Select any of the types of support your company is willing to provide for this degree program</b>	<b>Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee? If so, who?</b>	<b>How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will</b>
3	Sightline Retail	Management and Consulting	On-Site Internships, Part-Time Faculty, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. bedore@sightlineretail.com	
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6	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Food Industry	On-Site Internships, Part-Time Faculty, Tuition Reimbursement, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. Dawn.drewry@tycon.com	Locally, there is a tremendous need for analytical talent in Northwest Arkansas. A local source for this talent would benefit this region greatly. Within Tyson, this skillset will help the company optimize productivity and improve animal wellbeing. Within our state as well as nationally, data science will help reduce natural resource consumption such as water, fuel and food waste. Data Science helps corporations reduce costs by optimizing business systems, re-allocating/optimizing human capital and discover previously unknown solutions to business problems that drive the enterprise forward.
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9	Rock Analytics	Consulting: Visual Analytics		No.	
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15	Walmart	Retailer			
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27	@OneStoneEconmm		On-Site Internships, Part-Time Faculty, Tuition Reimbursement, Employee Release Time, Equipment, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. Meagan Kinmonth Bowman	
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32	JB Hunt	Transportation & Logistics	On-Site Internships, Tuition Reimbursement, Employee Release Time, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. Douglas Mettenburg	By providing more entry-level analytical talent to the region. There is currently a shortage of analytical talent nationwide. By granting this program we will benefit by being able to bring on skilled analytical talent into our recruiting pipeline and grow the talent. This benefits all employers in the local area, region, and State. Also, by investing in growing talent locally, the students are more likely to want to stay local rather than leave. This makes recruiting easier.
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	A	B	X	Y	Z	AA
1	Company					
2	Name	Type	Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.	Title	Degree Req'd?	Certification or Licensure Req'd?
3	Sightline Retail	Management and Consulting		Replenishment Lead	Yes	No
4				Analytics/Forecasting Lead	Yes	No
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6	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Food Industry	Tyson would prefer the ability to take advantage of a skillset around Python and R as well as a cloud-based background. Regarding modeling preferences, we will leverage the basic models (Linear Regression, Clustering etc.) but we will increasingly make use of Artificial Neural Networks using libraries such as Tensorflow and Keras. The Tyson data science skillset will also leverage knowledge around Computer Vision and Edge Computing. We would also benefit from a program grounded in practical application of real world business problems and solutions. There would also be benefit in collaborating with the University on Data Science Internships. This provides valuable real-world experience for the students as well as partnership between Tyson and the University's Data Science program.	Data Scientists	Yes	No
7				Data Analysts	Yes	No
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9	Rock Analytics	Consulting: Visual Analytics		Visual Analyst	Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, Information Management	Experience Working in Tableau, Microsoft Power BI
10				Developer, Coding Expert	Computer Science, Statistics	Adept at queries (SQL). Experience or familiarity with R, Python, and/or Julia
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15	Walmart	Retailer		Data Scientist	BA + 2 yrs or MA + 1 yr	
16				Manager, Data Scientist	BA + 5 yrs or MA + 2 yrs	
17				Senior Data Scientist	BA + 5 yrs or MA + 2 yrs	
18				Staff Data Scientist	BA + 5 yrs or MA + 3 yrs	
19				Sr Manager, Data Scientist	BA + 5-6 yrs or MA + 3-4 yrs or PhD	
20				Principal Data Scientist	BA + 6 yrs or MA + 4 yrs or PhD	
21				Director, Data Scientist	BA + 7 yrs or MA + 5 yrs or PhD	
22				Distinguished Data Scientist	BA + 7 yrs or MA + 5 yrs or PhD	
23				Sr Director, Data Scientist	BA + 8 yrs or MA + 6 yrs	
24				Distinguished Architect, Data Scientist	BA + 8 yrs or MA + 6 yrs	Big Data analytics experience
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27	@OneStoneEconmm			Assistant Data Scientist	Yes	
28				Data Analyst	Yes	
29				Data Entry Engineer	Yes	
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32	JB Hunt	Transportation & Logistics	A thorough understanding of algorithms and statistical analysis would be something we are looking for. Too many times, we have interviewed perspective employees who understand a software package vs. model validation and the underlying mechanics of the models. Also, of interest to us is getting exposure to some of the gibber open source platforms such as R & Python. Many programs focus on only large enterprise vendors such as SPSS, SAS, etc. We do utilize IBM tech, we are also doing cutting-edge work with Python and exposure to Python would be useful to us.	In the position titles below, there is the opportunity for growth through (what is described as a "dual career ladder") with technical titles and also analogous management titles such as: Manager, Sr. Manager, and Director for Managing IT (technical side of management) and also for Managing the Business and Driving the Business (business side of management). The opportunity for these is to be able to combine both technical and business.		
33				Master Data Scientist	Masters	
34				Sr. Expert Data Scientist	Masters	

	A	B	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI
1	Company		Job							
2	Name	Type	# Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques
3	Sightline Retail	Management and Consulting	2	0	5	10	\$ 70,000		X	X
4			2	0	5	10	\$ 100,000		X	X
5										
6	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Food Industry	2	3	3	7	\$ 95,000	3-5%	X	X
7			30	5	10	12	\$ 70,000	3-5%	X	X
8										
9	Rock Analytics	Consulting: Visual Analytics	1	0	1	?			X	
10			1	0	1	?			X	
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12										
13										
14										
15	Walmart	Retailer	36	6					X	X
16			2	0					X	X
17			37	5					X	X
18			28	10					X	X
19			11	1						
20			18	4					X	X
21			7	0					X	X
22			6	2						
23			4	0						
24			2	0					X	X
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27	@OneStoneEconmm		1	0	3	3	\$ 60,000	Cost of Living + performance	X	X
28			2	0	3	3	\$ 50,000	Cost of Living + performance		X
29			2	1	2	2	\$ 45,000	Cost of Living + performance	X	X
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32	JB Hunt	Transportation & Logistics								
33			1	0	0	0	\$ 150,000	3%	X	X
34			0	0	0	1		3%	X	X





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1	Company							
2	Name	Type	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data Science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
3	Sightline Retail	Management and Consulting	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X	X	X	X	X	X
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6	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Food Industry			X		X	X
7					X		X	
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9	Rock Analytics	Consulting: Visual Analytics						
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15	Walmart	Retailer		X	X	X	X	X
16			X	X	X	X	X	X
17				X	X	X	X	X
18				X	X	X	X	X
19								
20			X	X	X	X	X	X
21			X	X	X	X	X	X
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24			X	X	X	X	X	X
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27	@OneStoneEconmm					X		X
28					X	X		
29				X			X	
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32	JB Hunt	Transportation & Logistics						
33			X		X	X		X
34			X		X	X		X



	A	B	J	K	L	M	N
1	Company						
2	Name	Type	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Social Data Science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?
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	Metova, Inc.	Professional Services	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe
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	First Orion	For Profit	Maybe	Maybe	No	No	No
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	Movista, Inc.	Technology - Software as a Service (SaaS)	Maybe	Yes	No	No	No
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	Rock Region Metro	Mixed Mode Transit System	Maybe	Maybe	No	Yes	No
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	DXC Technology	Professional Services	No	Maybe	Yes	No	Yes
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1	Company							
2	Name	Type	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Geospatial Data Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Operations Analytics?	Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Operations Analytics?	Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program?	Would your organization provide tuition assistance?	Please select any days/times and mediums that would be helpful for your employee for classes
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41	Metova, Inc.	Professional Services				10 ("Yes")	Maybe	Evenings Helpful; Online Helpful
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46	First Orion	For Profit				0 ("No")	No	Evenings & Weekends Helpful & Preferred; Online Helpful & Preference
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51	Movista, Inc.	Technology - Software as a Service (SaaS)				10 to 15 ("Yes")	Yes	Days Helpful; Evenings & Weekends Preference
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58	Rock Region Metro	Mixed Mode Transit System				2 to 5 ("Yes")	Maybe	Evenings & Weekends Preference; Online Helpful & Preference
59								
60								
61	DXC Technology	Professional Services					Maybe	Evenings & Weekends Helpful & Preference; Online Helpful & Preference; In-Person Helpful

	A	B	U	V	W
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2	Name	Type	Select any of the types of support your company is willing to provide for this degree program	Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee? If so, who?	How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will
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41	Metova, Inc.	Professional Services	On-Site Internships, Employee Release Time, Equipment	Yes. kent.watson@metova.com	The data science field is blowing up in the business and technology industry. Arkansas, particularly Northwest Arkansas, has been playing catchup in many areas around developing technology talent. We have a major talent gap in terms of the number of positions open and the number of graduates to fill those positions. Adding a Data Science program at the U of A would help make Northwest Arkansas known as a regional hub for producing IT talent. Additionally, creating a local talent pool will help fill jobs here in NWA vs. in other states or countries. The large employers who need this skillset will hire it where they can find it. Growing and hiring talent here will help further economic development in NWA.
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46	First Orion	For Profit	On-Site Internships, Employee Release Time, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use		
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51	Movista, Inc.	Technology - Software as a Service (SaaS)	Program Start-Up Funds, On-Site Internships, Tuition Reimbursement, Employee Release Time, Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. Joel.Sporleder@movista.com	This program would benefit us through creating a currently unavailable workforce, opening the door to a new economic stream, and also position us to become the known experts in a rapidly evolving field. In addition to creating new opportunities for employees and employer, this degree would lessen the need to "look elsewhere" for solutions to field related challenges.
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58	Rock Region Metro	Mixed Mode Transit System	Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use	Yes. gwilliamson@rrmetro.org	
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61	DXC Technology	Professional Services			We have a delivery center in Conway. I could move Data Scientist work there if there were a concentration of people there who are qualified.

	A	B	X	Y	Z	AA
1	Company					
2	Name	Type	Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.	Title	Degree Req'd?	Certification or Licensure Req'd?
35				Expert Data Scientist	Masters	
36				Sr. Data Scientist	Bachelors	
37				Data Scientist	Bachelors	
38				Sr. Associate Data Scientist	Bachelors	
39				Associate Data Scientist	Bachelors	
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41	Metova, Inc.	Professional Services		Data Engineer	Bachelors	None
42				Machine Learning Engineer	Bachelors	None
43				Data Scientist	Masters	None
44				Business Analyst	Bachelors	None
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46	First Orion	For Profit		Data Scientist	Bachelors	None
47				Data Science Apprenticeship	Bachelors	None
48				Data Analyst Apprenticeship	Bachelors	None
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51	Movista, Inc.	Technology - Software as a Service (SaaS)	We are very excited about the potential of this program. Please let us know what we could possibly do to help.	Director of Data Insights	Bachelors	None
52				Data Science Engineer	Bachelors	None
53				Data Analytics Engineer	Bachelors	None
54				Machine Learning Engineer	Bachelors	None
55				Behavioral Science Analyst (Human Computer Interaction)	Bachelors	None
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58	Rock Region Metro	Mixed Mode Transit System	This degree program could supplement preferred degrees in urban and transportation planning.	Transit Planner	Bachelors	
59				Planning and Safety Officer	Bachelors	
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61	DXC Technology	Professional Services	There is no such thing as a Data Scientist "in the abstract." One needs to be knowledgeable about the business of something. Your 6-point "outcomes" introductory page was silent on that. The best bet for students is to take a minor in a field of interest that they want to perform their craft in, such as business, or healthcare, or engineering, etc., and not just be a pure technician.	Data Scientist	Masters & above	None









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## **B.S. Data Science Degree Program**

The University of Arkansas Bachelor of Science in Data Science major will prepare students for a successful career in data science with a solid amalgamation of given capabilities:

- an ability to demonstrate use of information systems, statistics, and computer science principles and apply state-of-the-art technologies for data representation, data retrieval, data manipulation, data storage, data governance, data security, machine learning, computational analytics, bioinformatics, and data analysis and visualization,
- an ability to develop descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive mathematical/statistical models to provide abstractions of complex systems and organizational problems and to apply computational methods to draw conclusions supported by data,
- an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and societal and ethical impacts,
- an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers, and
- an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another.

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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: Sightline Retailer \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: Management and Consulting \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: Rachel Harris \_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: New Business Development \_\_\_\_\_
- Email:  
r.harris@sightlineretail.com \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: 479-696-8882 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 Replenishment Lead \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 Analytics/Forecasting Lead \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3: \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
<b>Job Title 1</b>	Yes	No	2	0	5	10	70,000	
<b>Job Title 2</b>	Yes	No	2	0	5	10	100,000	
<b>Job Title 3</b>								
<b>Job Title 4</b>								
<b>Job Title 5</b>								

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	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
Job Title 6								
Job Title 7								
Job Title 8								
Job Title 9								
Job Title 10								

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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

Yes (if there were business classes taken as well)

Maybe

No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No- but its possible we don't fully understand this degree and the application in a business environment

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

Yes –absolutely, as our first preference altogether.



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- Maybe
- No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? (our employees already have degrees, so unclear on what this question is asking?)\_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

- Program Start-Up Funds
- X On-site Internships
- X Part-Time Faculty
  
- Tuition Reimbursement
  
- Employee Release Time
  
- Equipment
- X Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

X Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email:  
bedores@sightlinetail.com \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

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**12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.**

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- an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and societal and ethical impacts,
- an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers, and
- an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another.

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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: Tyson Foods Inc \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: \_Food Industry\_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_Dawn Drewry\_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: \_\_VP IT\_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_dawn.drewry@tyson.com\_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 Data Scientists\_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 Data Analysts\_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Data Scientist</b>	Yes	No	2	3	3	7	95000	3-5%
<b>Data Analyst\Citizen Data Scientist</b>	Yes	No	30	5	10	12	70000	3-5%
<b>Job Title 3</b>								
<b>Job Title 4</b>								
<b>Job Title 5</b>								

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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Data Analyst/Citizen Data Scientist	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
<b>Data Scientist</b>	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X
<b>Data Analyst/Citizen Data Scientist</b>	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Job Title 3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Job Title 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Job Title 5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Job Title 6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

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**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program?   40**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

X - Yes

Maybe

No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

Program Start-Up Funds

X - On-site Internships

X - Part-Time Faculty

X - Tuition Reimbursement

Employee Release Time

Equipment

X - Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

X - Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_dawn.drewry@tyson.com\_\_\_\_\_

No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

Locally, there is a tremendous need for analytical talent in Northwest Arkansas. A local source for this talent would benefit this region greatly.

Within Tyson, this skillset will help the company optimize productivity and improve animal wellbeing.

Within our state as well as nationally, data science will help reduce natural resource consumption such as water, fuel and food waste.

Data Science helps corporations reduce costs by optimizing business systems, re-allocating/optimizing human capital and discover previously unknown solutions to business problems that drive the enterprise forward.

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**12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.**

Tyson would prefer the ability to take advantage of a skillset around Python and R as well as a cloud-based background.

Regarding modeling preferences, we will leverage the basic models (Linear Regression, Clustering etc.) but we will increasingly make use of Artificial Neural Networks using libraries such as Tensorflow and Keras.

The Tyson data science skillset will also leverage knowledge around Computer Vision and Edge Computing

We would also benefit from a program grounded in practical application of real world business problems and solutions.

There would also be benefit in collaborating with the University on Data Science Internships. This provides valuable real-world experience for the students as well as partnership between Tyson and the Universities Data Science program.

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**Please return completed surveys by *Friday, September 14, 2018* to:**

[karl.schubert@uark.edu](mailto:karl.schubert@uark.edu)

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for Innovation and Data Science Initiatives  
University of Arkansas

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- an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers, and
- an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another.

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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: Rock Analytics
- Type of Company: Consulting: Visual Analytics
- Contact Person: Elizabeth Phillips
- Position Title: Owner
- Email: a.elizabeth.phillips@gmail.com
- Phone: 501.626.3871

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 Visual Analyst
- Job Title 2 Developer, Coding Expert
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 1</b>	Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, Information Management	Experience Working in Tableau, Microsoft Power BI	1	0	1	?		
<b>Job Title 2</b>	Computer Science, Statistics	Adept at queries (SQL), Experience or familiarity with R, Python, and/or Julia	1	0	1	?		
<b>Job Title 3</b>								
<b>Job Title 4</b>								

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<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 5</b>								
<b>Job Title 6</b>								
<b>Job Title 7</b>								
<b>Job Title 8</b>								
<b>Job Title 9</b>								



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Job Title 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Job Title 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes
- Maybe X**
- No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe X**
- No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes X**
- Maybe
- No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes X**
- Maybe
- No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe X**
- No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes
- Maybe X**
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No

**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No **X**

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? N/A \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

Yes

Maybe

No **X**

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

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- On-site Internships
- Part-Time Faculty
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Release Time
- Equipment
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**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

- Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- No **X**

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Walmart Inc. \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Retailer \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Brandi Joplin \_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_ SVP, Global Audit \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Brandi.Joplin@walmart.com \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 479.204.8561 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 \_\_\_ Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 \_\_\_ Manager, Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_ Senior Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_ Staff Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_ Sr Manager, Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_ Principal Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_ Director, Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_ Distinguished Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_ Sr Director, Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_ Distinguished Architect Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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Data Scientist	BA + 2 years; or MA + 1		36	6				
Manager, Data Scientist	BA + 5 years; or MA + 2		2	0				
Senior Data Scientist	BA + 5 years; or MA + 2		37	5				
Staff Data Scientist	BA + 5 years; or MA + 3		28	10				

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Sr Manager, Data Scientist	BA + 5-6 years; or MA + 3-4; or PhD	11	1			
Principal Data Scientist	BA + 6 years; or MA + 4; or PhD	18	4			
Director, Data Scientist	BA + 7 years; or MA + 5; or PhD	7	0			
Distinguished Data Scientist	BA + 7 years; or MA + 5; or PhD	6	2			
Sr Director, Data Scientist	BA + 8 years; or MA + 6	4	0			

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Distinguished Architect Data Scientist	BA + 8 years; or MA + 6	Big Data analytics experience	2	0				
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Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manager, Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senior Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Staff Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Principal Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Director, Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Distinguished Architect Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Manager, Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senior Data Scientist	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Staff Data Scientist	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Principal Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Director, Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Distinguished Architect Data Scientist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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- Yes
- Maybe**
- No

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- Yes
- Maybe**
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- Yes
- Maybe**
- No

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- Yes
- Maybe**
- No

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- Yes
- Maybe
- No**

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**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

- Yes**
- Maybe
- No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

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- Maybe
- No

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	Days/Times			Mediums	
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<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 \_\_ Associate Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 \_Data Analyst\_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_Data Entry Engineer\_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 1</b>	Yes		1	0	3	3	\$60k	Cost of living + performance
<b>Job Title 2</b>	Yes		2	0	3	3	\$50k	Cost of living + performance
<b>Job Title 3</b>	Yes		2	1	2	2	\$45k	Cost of living + performance
<b>Job Title 4</b>	Yes							
<b>Job Title 5</b>								

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	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 6</b>								
<b>Job Title 7</b>								
<b>Job Title 8</b>								
<b>Job Title 9</b>								
<b>Job Title 10</b>								

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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	x	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

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**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

Program Start-Up Funds

- X On-site Internships
- X Part-Time Faculty
- X Tuition Reimbursement
- X Employee Release Time
- X Equipment
- X Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

X Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

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**12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.**

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**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

## **B.S. Data Science Degree Program**

The University of Arkansas Bachelor of Science in Data Science major will prepare students for a successful career in data science with a solid amalgamation of given capabilities:

1. an ability to demonstrate use of information systems, statistics, and computer science principles and apply state-of-the-art technologies for data representation, data retrieval, data manipulation, data storage, data governance, data security, machine learning, computational analytics, bioinformatics, and data analysis and visualization,
2. an ability to develop descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive mathematical/statistical models to provide abstractions of complex systems and organizational problems and to apply computational methods to draw conclusions supported by data,
3. an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and societal and ethical impacts,
4. an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers, and
5. an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another, and
6. an ability to communicate in written, verbal, technical, and non-technical forms.

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: Metova, Inc.
- Type of Company: Professional services
- Contact Person: Kent Watson
- Position Title: VP Technology
- Email: kent.watson@metova.com
- Phone: 479-200-1379

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 Data Engineer
- Job Title 2 Machine Learning Engineer
- Job Title 3 Data Scientist
- Job Title 4 Business Analyst
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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Employer Needs Survey**

	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 1</b>	Bachelors	None	0	0	5	20	60,000	5%
<b>Job Title 2</b>	Bachelors	None	0	0	5	20	60,000	5%
<b>Job Title 3</b>	Masters	None	1	0	2	10	70,000	5%
<b>Job Title 4</b>	Bachelors	None	1	0	2	6	50,000	5%
<b>Job Title 5</b>								

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	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
Job Title 6								
Job Title 7								
Job Title 8								
Job Title 9								
Job Title 10								



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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Job Title 2	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X
Job Title 3	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X
Job Title 4	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 2	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 4	X	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

- Yes

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X Maybe

No

**5g. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?**

Yes

X Maybe

No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program?   10**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

Yes

X Maybe

No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

- Program Start-Up Funds
- On-site Internships
  
- Part-Time Faculty
  
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Release Time
- Equipment
  
- Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_kent.watson@metova.com\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

  The data science field is blowing up in the business world and technology industry. Arkansas, particularly Northwest Arkansas has been playing catchup in many areas around developing technology talent. We have a major talent gap in terms of the number of positions open and the number of graduates to fill those positions. Adding a Data Science program at the U of A would help make Northwest Arkansas known as a regional hub for producing IT talent. Additionally, creating a local talent pool will help fill jobs here in NWA vs. in other states or countries. The large employers who need this skillset will hire it where they can find it. Growing and hiring talent here will help further economic development in NWA.

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## U of A B.S. Data Science Degree Program Outcomes

The U of A Bachelor of Science in Data Science major will prepare students for a successful career in data science with an amalgamation of capabilities:

1. an ability to use information systems, statistics, and computer science principles and apply state-of-the-art technologies for data representation, data retrieval, data manipulation, data storage, data governance, data security, machine learning, computational analytics, and data analysis and visualization;
2. an ability to develop descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive mathematical and statistical models to provide abstractions of complex systems and organizational problems and to apply computational methods to draw conclusions supported by data;
3. an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and an awareness of societal and ethical impacts;
4. an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers;
5. an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another; and,
6. an ability to communicate in written, verbal, technical, and non-technical forms.

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Employer Needs Survey

**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: \_\_ First Orion \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: \_\_ For profit \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_ Allison Nicholas \_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: \_\_ Director of Recruiting \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_ anicholas@firstorion.com \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_ 501.269.4119 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 \_\_ Data Scientist \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 \_\_ Data Science Apprenticeship \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_ Data Analyst Apprenticeship \_\_\_\_\_



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<b>3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:</b>	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 1 Data Scientist</b>	Yes	No	4	1	1	1	104,000.00	
<b>Job Title 2 Data Science Apprenticeship</b>	Yes	No	4	0	1	1	70,000.00	
<b>Job Title 3 Data Analyst Apprenticeship</b>	Yes	No	1	0	1	1	56,000.00	

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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 3	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes  
 Maybe

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X No

**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- X No

**5g. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- X No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- X No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

Program Start-Up Funds

X On-site Internships

Part-Time Faculty

Tuition Reimbursement

X Employee Release Time

Equipment

X Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_

No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

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**12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.**

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**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

## **U of A B.S. Data Science Degree Program Outcomes**

The U of A Bachelor of Science in Data Science major will prepare students for a successful career in data science with an amalgamation of capabilities:

1. an ability to use information systems, statistics, and computer science principles and apply state-of-the-art technologies for data representation, data retrieval, data manipulation, data storage, data governance, data security, machine learning, computational analytics, and data analysis and visualization;
2. an ability to develop descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive mathematical and statistical models to provide abstractions of complex systems and organizational problems and to apply computational methods to draw conclusions supported by data;
3. an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and an awareness of societal and ethical impacts;
4. an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers;
5. an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another; and,
6. an ability to communicate in written, verbal, technical, and non-technical forms.



**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Movista Inc. \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Technology - Software as a Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Allyson Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of People \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Allyson@movista.com \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 479-445-8989 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Data Insights \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Data Science Engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Data Analytics Engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Machine Learning Engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 Behavioral Science Analyst (Human Computer Interaction) \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

	<b>Degree Required</b>	<b>Certification or Licensure Required</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Filled</b>	<b># of Positions Currently Open</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years</b>	<b># of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years</b>	<b>Average Starting Annual Salary</b>	<b>Average Annual Salary Increase</b>
<b>Job Title 1</b>	Yes	No	0	1	0	1	\$150,000	5-10%
<b>Job Title 2</b>	Yes	No	0	1-2	1	2	\$120,000	5-10%
<b>Job Title 3</b>	Yes	No	0	1-2	1	2	\$100,000	5-10%
<b>Job Title 4</b>	Yes	No	0	1-2	1	2	\$110,000	5-10%
<b>Job Title 5</b>	Yes	No	0	1-2	1	2	\$120,000	5-10%



**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
Employer Needs Survey**

**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x
Job Title 2	x	x	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x
Job Title 3	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x
Job Title 4	x	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	x	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Job Title 2	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 3	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	x	x	x
Job Title 4	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x
Job Title 5	x	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

Yes

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Maybe

No

**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**5g. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? \_\_\_10-15\_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	x	x	x

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

- X Program Start-Up Funds
- X On-site Internships
  
- Part-Time Faculty
- X Tuition Reimbursement
- X Employee Release Time
  
- Equipment
- X Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

- Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: Joel.Sporleder@movista.com
- Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

\_\_\_\_\_ This program would benefit us through creating a currently unavailable workforce, opening the door to a new economic stream, and also position us to become the known experts in a rapidly evolving field. In addition to creating new opportunities for employees and employer, this degree would lessen the need to “look elsewhere” for solutions to field related challenges.

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## **U of A B.S. Data Science Degree Program Outcomes**

The U of A Bachelor of Science in Data Science major will prepare students for a successful career in data science with an amalgamation of capabilities:

1. an ability to use information systems, statistics, and computer science principles and apply state-of-the-art technologies for data representation, data retrieval, data manipulation, data storage, data governance, data security, machine learning, computational analytics, and data analysis and visualization;
2. an ability to develop descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive mathematical and statistical models to provide abstractions of complex systems and organizational problems and to apply computational methods to draw conclusions supported by data;
3. an ability to use foundational knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to problem identification, problem solving, decision making, visualization, and an awareness of societal and ethical impacts;
4. an ability to adapt analytics concepts to interpret and communicate findings and implications to senior decision makers;
5. an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another; and,
6. an ability to communicate in written, verbal, technical, and non-technical forms.

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**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: Rock Region METRO
- Type of Company: Mixed Mode Transit System
- Contact Person: Greg Williamson
- Position Title: Manager -HR
- Email: gwilliamson@rrmetro.org
- Phone: 501-375-6717 (257)

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 Transit Planner
- Job Title 2 Planning and Safety Officer
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

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Job Title	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
Job Title 1	Urban or Transportation Planning		one (1)	none (0)			\$55K	3%
Job Title 2	Urban or Transportation Planning		Budgeted for Future	none (0)			\$90K	3%
Job Title 3								
Job Title 4								
Job Title 5								

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	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
Job Title 6								
Job Title 7								
Job Title 8								
Job Title 9								
Job Title 10								

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**4. Please select all the skills that individuals would need for employment in the positions listed:**

	Evaluating the quality of data	Collecting data via research techniques	Understanding and rigorously analyzing data using relevant software packages	Applying data science theories to understand the data and make predictions	Communicating findings in writing	Communicate findings via public speaking	Communicating findings via graphical and visualization techniques	Applying critical thinking skills to solve novel challenges
Job Title 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No



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**5f. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Supply Chain Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5g. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Biomedical & Healthcare Informatics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? 2-5**

**7. Would your organization provide tuition assistance?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

- Program Start-Up Funds
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- Part-Time Faculty
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Employee Release Time
- Equipment
- Real world data and problems for instructional and practicum use

**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

- Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: gwilliamson@rrmetro.org
- No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

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**12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.**

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This degree program could supplement preferred degrees in Urban and Transportation Planning.

Thank you very much for providing us your valuable feedback – we very much appreciate it!

Please return this completed survey by ***Friday, March 22, 2019*** to:

[karl.schubert@uark.edu](mailto:karl.schubert@uark.edu)

Karl D. Schubert, Ph.D., FIET  
Research Professor and Director of Research  
for Innovation and Data Science Initiatives  
University of Arkansas

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5. an ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary teams and transfer findings from one knowledge domain to another; and,
6. an ability to communicate in written, verbal, technical, and non-technical forms.

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Employer Needs Survey**

**1. Please complete this information about your organization, as a potential employer:**

- Company Name: DXC TECHNOLOGY
- Type of Company: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person: ALAN ALLGAIER
- Position Title: I OWN HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS DELIVERY
- Email: AALLGAIER@DXC.COM
- Phone: 248 495 8107

**2. List job titles with your company that require employees to have the knowledge and skills obtained from the proposed concentration program:**

- Job Title 1 DATA SCIENTIST
- Job Title 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job Title 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please complete the following information, for each job title listed above, on the following pages:**

**University of Arkansas B.S. Data Science Degree Program  
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Job Title	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase	
Job Title 1	Masters +	NONE	CONFIDENTIAL						
Job Title 2									
Job Title 3									
Job Title 4									
Job Title 5									

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	Degree Required	Certification or Licensure Required	# of Positions Currently Filled	# of Positions Currently Open	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 2-5 Years	# of Positions per Year Available in Next 6-10 Years	Average Starting Annual Salary	Average Annual Salary Increase
Job Title 6								
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Job Title 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Generalizing knowledge from one subject area to another using data science	Working in a team-based environment	Project management skills and leading teams	Management of databases	Data cleansing, processing, and wrangling	Relevant work or internship experience	Data privacy, security, and ethics	Data science applied to business and economics in an organizational setting
Job Title 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Job Title 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**5. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with the proposed degree?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5a. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Business Data Analytics?**

- Yes
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- No

**5b. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Data Science Statistics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5c. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in social data science, emphasizing social impacts of data analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5d. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Computational Analytics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

**5e. Would you give hiring preference to applicants with a concentration in Bioinformatics?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

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**6. Indicate the number of employees who would benefit from enrolling in selected coursework in the proposed degree program? \_\_\_\_\_**

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- No

**8. Please select any of the days and times (days/evening/weekend classes) and mediums (in-person or online classes) that would be helpful for your employees:**

	Days/Times			Mediums	
	Days	Evenings	Weekends	In-Person	Online
<b>Helpful at all</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Preference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**9. Please select any of the types of support your company are willing to provide for the B.S. Data Science Degree Program:**

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**10. Would a senior-level representative of your company be willing to be a member of our advisory committee?**

- Yes, I will. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, they would. Please provide preferred email: \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**11. How will this degree program benefit your local community, the state, region, or nation? Please also explain why it will.**

WE HAVE A DELIVERY CENTER IN CONWAY.  
I COULD MOVE DATA SCIENTIST WORK THERE  
IF THERE WERE A CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE  
THERE WHO ARE QUALIFIED.

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12. Provide any additional comments about this degree program and concentrations.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A DATA SCIENTIST  
"IN THE ABSTRACT". ONE NEEDS TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE  
ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF SOMETHING. YOUR  
6-POINT "OUTCOMES" INTRODUCTORY PAGE WAS  
SILENT ON THAT.

THE BEST BET FOR STUDENTS IS TO TAKE  
A MINOR IN A FIELD OF INTEREST THAT THEY  
WANT TO PERFORM THEIR CRAFT IN, SUCH AS  
BUSINESS, OR HEALTHCARE, OR ENGINEERING, ETC....  
AND NOT JUST BE A PURE TECHNICIAN.

Thank you very much for providing us your valuable feedback – we very much appreciate it!

Please return this completed survey by Friday, March 22, 2019 to:

[karl.schubert@uark.edu](mailto:karl.schubert@uark.edu)

Karl D. Schubert, Ph.D., FIET  
Research Professor and Director of Research  
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University of Arkansas

**Appendix B**  
**DASCBS Curriculum**  
**and 8-Semester Suggested Plan of Study**

## Requirements for B.S. in Data Science

Each student in Data Science is required to complete 120 hours of coursework including the University Core (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/universitycore>). To be eligible for graduation, all students must complete at least 60 hours of Data Science (DASC) Core classes at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville that are required for the degree. Each student in Data Science is also required to complete an additional 20-21 hours (depending on the student's chosen Concentration) of required and elective Concentration courses to meet the requirements for a Concentration to better prepare them for employment or further study in areas such as:

Accounting Analytics  
Bioinformatics  
Biomedical and Healthcare Informatics  
Business Data Analytics  
Computational Analytics  
Data Science Statistics  
Geospatial Data Analytics  
Operations Analytics  
Social Data Analytics  
Supply Chain Analytics

Additional opportunities are available to enhance the educational experience of students in these areas. Students should consult their academic advisor for recommendations.

### University Core and General Education

**36 credit hours**

ENGL 1013 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013)

Choose one of the following:

ENGL 1033 Technical Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023)  
or ENGL 1023 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023)

MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)

University Core Science Electives - (two courses with labs)

University Core Fine Arts - 3 credit hours

University Core Humanities - (Students are required to complete PHIL 3103)  
PHIL 3103 Ethics and the Professions

Choose one of the following:

HIST 2003 History of the American People to 1877 (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2113)

HIST 2013 History of the American People, 1877 to Present (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 2123)

PLSC 2003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003)

University Core Social Science Elective - 6 credit hours  
ECON 2143 Basic Economics: Theory and Practice (represents 3 of the 9 required credit hours for Social Science elective)

**Data Science Required Core** **47 credit hours**

DASC 1001 Introduction to Data Science  
DASC 1104 Programming Languages for Data Science (R, Python)  
DASC 1204 Introduction to Object Oriented Programming for Data Science (JAVA)  
DASC 2594 Multivariable Math for Data Scientists  
DASC 1222 Role of Data Science in Today's World  
DASC 2103 Data Structures & Algorithms  
DASC 2113 Principles & Techniques of Data Science  
DASC 2203 Data Management & Data Base  
DASC 2213 Data Visualization & Communication (Tableau)  
DASC 3103 Computing & Big Data  
DASC 3203 Optimization Methods in Data Science  
DASC 3213 Statistical Learning  
DASC 4892 Data Science Practicum I  
DASC 4113 Machine Learning  
DASC 4123 Social Problems (Issues) in DASC & Analytics  
DASC 4993 Data Science Practicum II

**Data Science Required Additional Courses**

MATH 2564 Calculus II (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2505) **4 credit hours**  
MGMT 2053 Business Foundations **3 credit hours**

Choose from one of these two-course sequences **6 credit hours**

INEG 2313 & INEG 2333 Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers I and Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers II (Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers II)  
-- or --  
STAT 3013 & STAT 3003 Introduction to Probability and Course STAT 3003 Statistical Methods

Data Science Concentration Courses **20-21 credit hours**

General Electives **3-4 credit hours**

**Total Hours** **120 credit hours**

**Data Science - Accounting Analytics (ACCA) Concentration** **21 credit hours**

Required Accounting Analytics Concentration Courses (18 credit hours)

ACCT 2013 Accounting Principles  
ACCT 2023 Accounting Principles II  
ACCT 3533 Accounting Technology  
ACCT 3543 Accounting Analytics  
ACCT 3543 Accounting Analytics  
ISYS 4193 Business Analytics and Visualization



ISYS 4293 Business Intelligence

Elective Accounting Analytics Concentration Courses (Select 3 credit hours)

FINN 3013 Financial Analysis  
ECON 3033 Microeconomic Theory  
ECON 4743 Introduction to Econometrics  
ECON 4753 Forecasting  
MKTG 3433 Introduction to Marketing  
MKTG 3633 Marketing Research

**Data Science - Bioinformatics (BIOF) Concentration**

**21 credit hours**

Required Bioinformatics Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

BIOL 2533 Cell Biology  
BIOL 2323 General Genetics

Choose one of the following courses:

BIOL 3863 General Ecology  
or BIOL 3023 Evolutionary Biology

Elective Bioinformatics Concentration Courses (Select 12 credit hours)

Note: May not fulfill Concentration electives with all GIS courses  
BIOL 4174 Conservation Genetics  
BIOL 4233 Genomics and Bioinformatics  
BIOL 480V Special Topics in Biological Sciences (Molecular Phylogenetics)  
BIOL 5153 Practical Programming for Biologists  
BIOL 580V Special Topics in Biological Sciences (Meta-Analysis)  
GEOS 3543 Geospatial Applications and Information Science  
GEOS 3553 Spatial Analysis Using ArcGIS  
GEOS 3563 Geospatial Data Mining  
GEOS/ANTH 4553 Introduction to Raster GIS

**Data Science - Biomedical and Healthcare Informatics (BMHI) Concentration**

**21 credit hours**

Required Biomedical and Healthcare Informatics Concentration Courses (11 credit hours)

BMEG 2614 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering  
CHEM 1123 University Chemistry II (ACTS Equivalency = CHEM 1424 Lecture)  
BIOL 2213 Human Physiology (ACTS Equivalency = BIOL 2414 Lecture)  
BMEG 3801 Clinical Observations and Needs Finding

Elective Biomedical and Healthcare Informatics Concentration (Select 10 credit hours)

BMEG 4713 Cardiovascular Physiology and Devices  
BMEG 4973 Regenerative Medicine  
BMEG 4413 Tissue Engineering  
BMEG 4403 Biomedical Microscopy

BMEG 4513 Biomedical Optics and Imaging  
BMEG 4523 Biomedical Data and Image Analysis  
BMEG 4983 Genome Engineering and Synthetic Biology  
Note: Students completing the Biomedical and Healthcare Informatics Concentration must select CHEM 1103 and PHYS 2054 for the University Core Science Electives.

**Data Science - Business Data Analytics (BUDA) Concentration** **21 credit hours**

Required Business Data Concentration Courses (15 credit hours)

ACCT 2013 Accounting Principles  
ACCT 2023 Accounting Principles II  
WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation  
ISYS 4193 Business Analytics and Visualization  
ISYS 4293 Business Intelligence

Elective Business Data Analytics Concentration Courses (Select 6 credit hours)

FINN 3043 Principles of Finance  
FINN 3013 Financial Analysis  
ECON 4743 Introduction to Econometrics  
ECON 4753 Forecasting  
MKTG 3433 Introduction to Marketing  
MKTG 3633 Marketing Research

**Data Science - Computational Analytics (CMPA) Concentration** **21 credit hours**

Required Computational Analytics Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

CSCE 3513 Software Engineering  
CSCE 4143 Data Mining  
CSCE 4613 Artificial Intelligence

Elective Computational Analytics Concentration Courses (Select 12 credit hours)

Note: Other courses from CSCE and/or other concentrations of DASC can also be added to the concentration electives.

CSCE 3213 Cluster Computing  
CSCE 4013 Special Topics  
CSCE 4133 Algorithms  
CSCE 4253 Concurrent Computing  
CSCE 4523 Database Management Systems  
DASC 4533 Information Retrieval (IR)  
CSCE 4853 Information Security

**Data Science - Data Science Statistics (DSST) Concentration** **21 credit hours**

Required Data Science Statistics Concentration Courses (12 credit hours)

STAT 3113 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics  
STAT 4373 Experimental Design

STAT 4013 Statistical Forecasting and Prediction  
STAT 4333 Analysis of Categorical Responses

Elective Data Science Statistics Concentration Courses (Select 9 credit hours)

STAT 4023 Bayesian Methods  
STAT 4033 Nonparametric Statistical Methods  
STAT 4043 Sampling Techniques  
CSCE 4613 Artificial Intelligence  
GEOS 3013 Foundations of Geospatial Data Analysis  
GEOS 3543 Geospatial Applications and Information Science  
GEOS 3563 Geospatial Data Mining

**Data Science - Geospatial Data Analytics (GSDA) Concentration      21 credit hours**

Required Geospatial Data Analytics Concentration Courses (18 credit hours)

GEOS 3543 Geospatial Applications and Information Science  
GEOS 3553 Spatial Analysis Using ArcGIS  
GEOS 3593 Introduction to Geodatabases  
GEOS 3563 Geospatial Data Mining  
GEOS 4653 GIS Analysis and Modeling  
GEOS 4263 Geospatial Data Science - Sources and Characteristics

Elective Geospatial Data Analytics Concentration Courses (Select 3 credit hours)

GEOS 3023 Introduction to Cartography  
GEOS 4133 Radar Remote Sensing  
GEOS 3213 Principles of Remote Sensing  
GEOS 4503 Advanced Cartographic Techniques & Production  
GEOS 4593 Introduction to Global Positioning Systems and Global Navigation Satellite Systems  
GEOS/ANTH 4553 Introduction to Raster GIS

**Data Science - Operations Analytics (OPNA) Concentration      21 credit hours**

Required Operations Analytics Concentration Courses (12 credit hours)

INEG 2413 Engineering Economic Analysis  
INEG 3613 Introduction to Operations Research  
INEG 3623 Simulation  
INEG 4553 Production Planning and Control

Elective Operations Analytics Concentration Courses (9 credit hours)

Select 6 credit hours from:

INEG 4453 Productivity Improvement  
INEG 4543 Facility Logistics  
INEG 4633 Transportation Logistics  
INEG 4683 Decision Support in Industrial Engineering  
INEG 4383 Risk Analysis for Transportation and Logistics Systems

Any SCMT course at the 2000 level or higher from the Supply Chain Analytics Concentration

Select 3 credit hours from:

INEG 4123 Global Engineering and Innovation

INEG 4433 Systems Engineering and Management

INEG 4443 Project Management

**Data Science - Social Data Analytics (SODA) Concentration** **20 credit hours**

Required Social Data Analytics Concentration Courses (14 credit hours)

SOCI 2013 General Sociology (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 1013)

SOCI 3303 Social Data and Analysis

SOCI 3301L Social Data and Analysis Laboratory

SOCI 3313 Social Research

SOCI 4253 Social Impact of Data Analytics

SOCI 3001L Social Science Data Analytics Lab

Elective Social Data Analytics Concentration Courses (6 credit hours)

GEOS 3013 Foundations of Geospatial Data Analysis

GEOS 3543 Geospatial Applications and Information Science

GEOS 3563 Geospatial Data Mining

GEOS 4513 Introduction to GIS Programming

GEOS 4553 Introduction to Raster GIS

PLSC 3603 Scope and Methods of Political Science

PLSC 4213 Campaigns and Elections

SCWK 4073 Social Work Research and Technology I

SOCI 4183 Social Network Analysis

SOCI 4013 Special Topics in Sociology

**Data Science - Supply Chain Analytics (SYCA) Concentration** **21 credit hours**

Required Supply Chain Analytics Concentration Courses (18 credit hours)

SCMT 2103 Introduction to Supply Chain Management

SCMT 3613 Supply Management

SCMT 3623 Inventory and Forecasting Analytics

SCMT 3643 International Logistics

SCMT 3443 Transportation and Distribution Management

SCMT 4653 Supply Chain Strategy

Elective Supply Chain Analytics Concentration Courses (Select 3 credit hours)

SCMT 3653 Retail Supply Chain Analysis

SCMT 3633 Behavioral Supply Chain Management

SCMT 4123 Sustainable Logistics and Supply Chain Management

SCMT 4103 Special Topics in Supply Chain Management

SCMT 4633 Transportation Analytics

Any INEG course at the 3000 level or higher from the Operations Analytics Concentration

## B.S. Data Science (Core)

### 8-Semester *Suggested* Plan of Study

120 Total Credit Hours of which 21 Credit Hours are Concentration-specific Hours  
 Concentration-specific hours are notational for hours and when in this *suggested* Plan of Study  
 New courses are marked in italics

Year 1 – Fall		Year 1 -- Spring	
<i>MATH 2554</i>	Calculus I	<i>MATH 2564</i>	Calculus II
<i>GNED NNN4</i>	Gen Ed, Science Elective	<i>GNED NNN3</i>	Gen Ed, History or Government
<i>ENGL 1013</i>	Composition I	<i>GNED NNN3</i>	Gen Ed, Composition II / Technical Comp.
<i>DASC 1001</i>	<i>Intro to Data Science (incl. CoE, WCOB, FCoAS Persp.)</i>	<i>DASC 1204</i>	<i>Intro to Object Oriented Programming (JAVA)</i>
<i>DASC 1104</i>	<i>Programming Languages for Data Science (R, Python)</i>	<i>DASC 1222</i>	<i>Role of Data Science in Today's World</i>
<b>16 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
5 hours	Data Science Core - Required (New + Existing Courses)	10 hours	Data Science Core - Required (N + E Courses)
0 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective	0 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective
11 hours	Gen Ed	6 hours	Gen Ed
0 hours	General Elective	0 hours	General Elective

Year 2 – Fall		Year 2 -- Spring	
<i>DASC 2594</i>	<i>Multivariable Math for Data Scientists</i>	<i>MGMT 2053</i>	Business Foundations
<i>INEG 2313</i>	Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers I	<i>INEG 2333</i>	Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers II
<i>DASC 2103</i>	<i>Data Structures &amp; Algorithms</i>	<i>DASC 2203</i>	<i>Data Management &amp; Data Base</i>
<i>DASC 2113</i>	<i>Principles &amp; Techniques of Data Science</i>	<i>DASC 2213</i>	<i>Data Visualization &amp; Communication</i>
<i>GNED NNN3</i>	Gen Ed, Fine Arts Elective	<i>RRRR NNN3</i>	[Required Concentration Course]
<b>16 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
13 hours	Data Science Core – Required (New + Existing Courses)	12 hours	Data Science Core – Required (N + E Courses)
0 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective	3 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective
3 hours	Gen Ed	0 hours	Gen Ed
0 hours	General Elective	0 hours	General Elective

Note 1: (STAT 3013 Intro. to Probability & Statistics + STAT 3003 Statistical Methods (DASC section)) can be substituted for (INEG 2313 + INEG 2333).

Year 3 – Fall		Year 3 -- Spring	
<i>PHIL 3103</i>	Gen Ed, Ethics and the Professions	<i>DASC 3203</i>	<i>Optimization Methods in Data Science</i>
<i>DASC 3103</i>	<i>Cloud Computing &amp; Big Data</i>	<i>DASC 3213</i>	<i>Statistical Learning</i>
<i>RRRR NNN3</i>	[Required Concentration Course]	<i>RRRR NNN3</i>	[Required Concentration Course]
<i>GNED NNN4</i>	Gen Ed, Science Elective	<i>ECON 2143</i>	Gen Ed, Basic Economics: Theory and Practice
<i>GNED NNN3</i>	Gen Ed, Social Science Elective	<i>GNED NNN3</i>	Gen Ed, Social Science Elective
<b>16 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
3 hours	Data Science Core - Required (New + Existing Courses)	6 hours	Data Science Core - Required (N + E Courses)
3 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective	3 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective
10 hours	Gen Ed	6 hours	Gen Ed
0 hours	General Elective	0 hours	General Elective

Year 4 – Fall		Year 4 -- Spring	
<i>DASC 4892</i>	<i>Data Science Practicum I</i>	<i>DASC 4993</i>	<i>Data Science Practicum II</i>
<i>DASC 4113</i>	<i>Machine Learning</i>	<i>CCCC NNN3</i>	Concentration Elective
<i>DASC 4123</i>	<i>Social Problems (Issues) in DASC &amp; Analytics</i>	<i>CCCC NNN3</i>	Concentration Elective
<i>CCCC NNN3</i>	[Concentration Elective]	<i>GNEL NNN3</i>	General Elective (possible catch-up credit)
<i>CCCC NNN3</i>	[Concentration Elective]		
<b>14 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
8 hours	Data Science Core - Required (New + Existing Courses)	3 hours	Data Science Core - Required (N + E Courses)
6 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective	6 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective
0 hours	Gen Ed	0 hours	Gen Ed
0 hours	General Elective	3 hours	General Elective

Total Hours by Course Category	
<b>120 hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
60 hours	Data Science Core - Required (New + Existing Courses)
21 hours	Data Science – Concentration Required + Elective
36 hours	Gen Ed
3 hours	General Elective

**Appendix C**  
**DASCBS Standard Course Evaluation**



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## DASC – [Course Information]

Course: DASC NNNN – [Course Title]  
Department: Data Science  
Faculty:

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The University of Arkansas provides online instructor/course evaluations for all end of course evaluations. Please note the following as you complete this online course evaluation:

1. Evaluations are located on a confidential evaluation site.
  2. Your instructor will not see the evaluations until after final grades have been submitted. Your instructor's department chair and college dean will receive the composite results.
  3. There is one open-ended question. If you provide a response, only the instructor will see it unless he/she decides to share responses with his/her department chair and/or college dean.
  4. Your evaluations will be confidential. Your responses to scaled questions will be simply part of the composite data reported to your Instructor. Also the instructor will not be able to attribute any comments you make in the open-ended questions to you unless you write something that identifies you either directly or indirectly.
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## Demographics

### UofA Student Demographics

Your class

Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior    Graduate    Other

Expected grade

A/PASS    B    C    D    F/FAIL

Your College:

Data Science (DASC) Program  
College of Education and Health Professions  
College of Engineering  
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design  
J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
Sam M. Walton College of Business  
School of Law  
Graduate School  
UNDECLARED

Course required

Yes    No



## **DASC Core: Instructor Questions**

### **Instructor Based Questions**

My instructor gives appropriate/timely feedback on each student's performance.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

My instructor is readily available for consultation.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

My instructor is fair and impartial when dealing with students.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

My instructor seems well-prepared for class.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

My instructor is effective in teaching the subject matter of this course.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

The teaching methods used in this course enable me to learn.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

## **DASC: Course Based Questions**

### **Course Based Questions**

The content of this course is consistent with the objectives of the course.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

Course activities/assignments help me learn the material.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

Successful performance in this course requires that I understand the material.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

I developed a greater appreciation for this subject.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

This course improves my understanding of concepts and principles in this field.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

When I have a question or comment I know it will be respected.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

I understand the course requirements and grading scale.

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

**University Core Course**

**Course Based Questions**

Overall, I would rate this course as:

Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Very Poor

**University Core Instructor**

**Instructor Based Questions**

Overall, I would rate this instructor as:

Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor    Very Poor

My Instructor is fluent in English

Strongly Agree    Agree    Undecided    Disagree    Strongly Disagree

**Faculty Comment Questions**

Please use the box below to provide additional comments regarding your instructor or this course. All comments are seen only by the instructor and are not viewed by department heads, chairs or deans.

**Comments:**

Comments:

**Appendix D**  
**DASCBS Faculty**

## Data Science Faculty in the 2020-2021 Catalog of Studies

(The year listed at the end of each name is the year that a faculty member was started at the university.)

### A

**Alverson, Andrew James**, Ph.D. (University of Texas at Austin), M.S. (Iowa State University), B.S. (Grand Valley State University), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2012.

**Aly, Mohamed H.**, Ph.D. (Texas A&M), M.S., B.S. (Zagazig University), Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences, 2013.

**Arnold, Mark E.**, Ph.D., B.S. (Northern Illinois University), A.S. (Rock Valley College), Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 1993.

### B

**Beaulieu, Jeremy M.**, Ph.D. (Yale University), M.S., B.S. (California Polytechnic State University), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2016.

**Bradley, Mindi**, Ph.D., M.A. (Pennsylvania State University), B.S. (Georgia State University), Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2005.

### C

**Cassady, Richard**, Ph.D., M.S.I.S.E., B.S.I.S.E. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2000.

**Chakraborty, Avishek**, Ph.D. (Duke University), M. STAT (Indian Statistical Institute), B. STAT (Indian Statistical Institute), Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2014.

**Chaovalitwongse, Wanpracha Art**, Ph.D., M.S. (University of Florida), B.Eng. (King Mongkut Institute of Technology, Ladkrabang, Thailand), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2016.

**Chimka, Justin Robert**, Ph.D., M.S.I.E., B.S.I.E. (University of Pittsburgh), Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2002.

**Cothren, Jackson David**, Ph.D., M.S. (The Ohio State University), B.S. (United States Air Force Academy), Professor, Department of Geosciences, 2004.

**Cronan, Timothy P.**, Ph.D. (Louisiana Tech University), M.S. (South Dakota State University), B.S. (University of Southwestern Louisiana), Professor, Department of Information Systems, 1979.

## **D**

**Datta, Jyotishka**, Ph.D. (Purdue University), M.Stat., B.Stat. (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India), Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2016.

**Dennis, Norman D.**, Ph.D. (University of Texas at Austin), M.B.A. (Boston University), M.S.C.E., B.S.C.E. (Missouri University of Science and Technology), University Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, 1996.

**Douglas, Marlis R.**, Ph.D., M.S., B.S. (University of Zurich), Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2012.

**Drawve, Grant R.**, Ph.D. (University of Arkansas at Little Rock), M.A., B.A. (Southern Illinois University), Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2016.

**Du, Yuchun**, Ph.D. (Kagoshima University, Japan), B.S. (Shaanxi University of Technology, China), Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2007.

## **E**

**Evans, Timothy A.**, Ph.D. (Indiana University), B.S. (Slippery Rock University), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2013.

## **F**

**Forbes, Kristian M.**, Ph.D. (University of Jyvaskyla, Finland), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

**Freeze, Ron**, Ph.D. (Arizona State University), M.B.A. (University of Missouri–Kansas City), B.S. (General Motors Institute), Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Information Systems, 2015.

**Fugate, Brian**, Ph.D., M.B.A., B.S. (University of Tennessee), Professor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 2015.

## G

**Gauch, Susan E.**, Ph.D. (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), M.Sc., B.Sc. (Queen's University, Canada), Professor, Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, 2007.

## H

**Harris, Casey Taggart**, Ph.D., M.A. (Pennsylvania State University), B.S. (Texas A&M University), Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2011.

**Hearne, Brittany N.**, Ph.D. (Vanderbilt University), Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2018

**Hofer, Christian**, Ph.D. (University of Maryland University College), B.A. (European School of Business), Associate Professor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 2007.

## I

**Iyer, Shilpa**, Ph.D. (University of Georgia), M.Sc., B.Sc. (University of Pune, India), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2016.

## J

**Jensen, Hanna Katariina**, Ph.D. (University of Oulu, Finland), Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2015.

## K

**Kaman, Tulin**, Ph.D. (Stony Brook University), M.S. (Istanbul Technical University), B.S. (Yildiz Technical University), Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2017.

**Keiffer, Elizabeth**, Ph.D., M.A. (University of Arkansas), B.S. (East Central University), Instructor, Department of Information Systems, 2016.

**Kent, John**, Ph.D. (University of Tennessee), M.B.A (University of Dallas), B.S. (Henderson State University), Department of Supply Chain Management, 2014.

**Kim, Myunghee Michelle**, Ph.D., B.S. (University of Texas at Austin), Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2013.



## L

**Lewis, Jeffrey A.**, Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Madison), B.S. (University of California-Santa Barbara), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2013.

**Liao, Haitao**, Ph.D., M.S., M.S.I.S.E. (Rutgers University), B.S.E.E. (Beijing Institute of Technology), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2015.

**Limp, Fred**, Ph.D., M.A., B.A. (Indiana University at Bloomington), University Professor, Department of Geosciences, 1979.

**Liu, Xiao**, Ph.D. (National University of Singapore), B.S.M.E. (Harbin Institute of Technology, China), Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2017.

**Liu, Xiaoqing Frank**, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University), M.S. (Southeast University, China), B.S. (National University of Defense Technology, China), Professor, Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, 2015.

## M

**Milburn, Ashlea R.**, Ph.D. (Georgia Institute of Technology), M.S.I.E. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University), B.S.I.E. (University of Arkansas), Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2010.

**Muldoon, Timothy J.**, M.D. (Baylor College of Medicine), Ph.D. (Rice University), B.S. (Johns Hopkins University), Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2012.

**Mullins, Jeff**, M.A., B.S. (University of Arkansas), Executive in Residence, Department of Information Systems, 2006.

## N

**Nelson, Christopher**, Ph.D. (Vanderbilt University), B.S. (University of Arkansas, Fayetteville); Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2019.

**Nolan, Steven**, [MA or MS?] (University of Arkansas), B.S. (Colorado Mesa University), 2017.

**Nurre, Sarah**, Ph.D., M.Eng., B.S. (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2015.

## P

**Park, Kiwoong**, Ph.D. M.A. (Seoul National University), B.S. (Seoul National University), Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2019.

**Parnell, Gregory S.**, Ph.D. (Stanford University), M.S. (University of Southern California), M.E.I.S.E. (University of Florida), B.S. (University of New York at Buffalo), Research Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2013.

**Petris, Giovanni**, Ph.D., M.S. (Duke University), B.S. (Universita degli Studi di Milano, Italy), Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 1999.

**Pierson, Harry A.**, Ph.D. (The Ohio State University), M.S.E.M., B.S.M.E. (University of Missouri, Rolla), Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2014.

**Pohl, Edward A.**, Ph.D., M.S.R.E. (University of Arizona), M.S.S.E. (Air Force Institute of Technology), M.S.E.M. (University of Dayton), B.S.E.E. (Boston University), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2004.

**Pohl, Letitia**, Ph.D. (University of Arkansas), M.S.S.E. (Air Force Institute of Technology), B.S.M.E. (Tulane University), Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2013.

## Q

**Quinn, Kyle P.**, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania), B.S. (University of Wisconsin), Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2014.

## R

**Rainwater, Chase E.**, Ph.D. (University of Florida), B.S.I.E. (University of Arkansas), Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2009.

**Rao, Raj R.**, Ph.D. (University of Georgia), M.S. (University of Texas), M.Sc., B.E. (Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences, India), Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2016.

**Robinson, Samantha**

**Rhoads, Douglas Duane**, Ph.D. (Kansas State University), M.A., B.A. (Wichita State University), University Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 1990.

**Rossetti, Manuel D.**, Ph.D., P.E., M.S.I.S. (The Ohio State University), B.S.I.E. (University of Cincinnati), Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 1999.

**Rossiter-Hofer, Adriana**, Ph.D. (University of Maryland-College Park), M.S. (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), B.S. (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil), Associate Professor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 2008.

## S

**Schubert, Karl D.**, Ph.D. (University of Arkansas), M.S. (University of Kentucky), B.S. (University of Arkansas), Professor, Office of the Dean College of Engineering, 2018.

**Shook, Carole**, M.S.B.A., B.S.B.A. (University of Arkansas), Instructor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 1999.

**Siepielski, Adam M.**, Ph.D. (University of Wyoming-Laramie), M.S. (New Mexico State University), B.S. (Pennsylvania State University-University Park), Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, 2015.

**Song, Young Hye**, Ph.D. (Cornell University), M.S. (Cornell University), B.S. (Carnegie Mellon University), Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, 2019.

**Sullivan, Kelly M.**, Ph.D. (University of Florida), M.S.I.E., B.S.I.E. (University of Arkansas), Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, 2012.

**Syler, Rhonda A.**, Ph.D. (Auburn University), M.B.A. (Columbus State University), M.S. (Kansas State University), B.S. (Middle Tennessee State University), Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Information Systems, 2016.

## T

**Thomas, Rodney W.**, Ph.D., M.B.A. (University of Tennessee), B.S.B.A. (Greensboro College), Associate Professor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 2017.

**Thomas, Stephanie**, Ph.D. (Georgia Southern University), M.B.A (University of Tennessee), B.A. (University of Tennessee), Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Supply Chain Management, 2017.

**Tipton, John Robert**, Ph.D. (Colorado State University), M.S. (Colorado State University), B.S. (Colorado State University), Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, 2017.

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