

Data Science with MS in Computer Science 4+1

Recommended Graduation Plan (Fall 2026)

The recommended graduation plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees on time. These plans are the recommended sequences of courses. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

NOTE: This recommended Graduation Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2026-2027 academic year.

To enroll, visit <https://www.ramapo.edu/dmc/4plus1/>

CRWT Placement
CRWT 101 to CRWT 102
CRWT 101S to CRWT 102S

Math Placement
MATH 021/022 to MATH 024 to MATH 110-121

NOTE: CRWT and MATH courses are determined by placement testing and should be taken following the sequence above.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning - MATH 121-Calculus I	4		CMPS 130-Scientific Programming with Python	4	
Gen Ed: INTD 101-First Year Seminar	4		MATH 237-Discrete Structures or MATH 205-Mathematical Structures WI	4	
Gen Ed: CRWT 102-Critical Reading and Writing II	4		General Education Requirement	4	
DATA 101-Introduction to Data Science	4		General Education Requirement	4	
			SNH Pathways Module 1: (PATH-001)	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
CMPS 240-Data Analytics in Python	4		MATH 262-Linear Algebra WI	4	
General Education Requirement	4		General Education Requirement	4	
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Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
SNH Pathways Module 2: (PATH-002)	Degree Rqmt.		SNH Pathways Module 3: (PATH-003)	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Third Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
DATA 301-Data Visualization	4		MATH 370-Applied Statistics	4	
Gen Ed: Distribution Values and Ethics DATA 225-Ethics of Technology WI	4		CMPS 364-Database Design	4	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		CMPS 231 - Data Structures and Algorithms	4	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	2		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	1	

Total:	18		Total:	17	
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Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
CMPS 320-Machine Learning	4		DATA 450-Data Science Capstone Project WI	4	
CMPS 310 - Big Data Programming ¹ (Data Science Elective required for major)	4		CMPS 531 Data Structures and Algorithms	3	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		MSCS Elective or DATA 620	3	
CMPS 547 Foundations of Computer Science	3		CMPS 311 - Operating System Design ²	4	
Total:	15		Total:	14	

Fifth Year - MSCS					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
MSCS Elective	3		MSCS Elective or DATA 620	3	
MSCS Elective	3		MSCS Elective	3	
MSCS Elective	3		CMPS 750 - THESIS	3	
MSCS Elective	3				
Total:	12		Total:	9	

Total Credits Required for undergraduate degree: 128 credits****

GPA Required for BS in Computer Science: 2.0

GPA Required for 4+1 Pathway: 3.0

WI: Writing Intensive-3 required in the major

General Education courses can be done in any order with the exception of INTD 101, CRWT and MATH. Those three general education courses will need to be done first. First Year Seminar is taken in the first semester. Failure to complete CRWT and MATH will result in a hold when the student hits 64 credits. The following general education courses can be done in any order. For more info on these courses, please visit the [General Education program requirements website in the College Catalog](#):

- Social Science Inquiry (SOSC 110) [+W]
- Scientific Reasoning
- Historical Perspectives [+W]
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (CRWT 102 is a prerequisite to this course) [+W]
- Global Awareness [+W]
- Distribution Category (Social Systems & Society **OR** Culture & Creativity **OR** Values and Ethics)
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+W: Students transferring in with 48 or more credits are waived from these general education requirements.

* As part of their degree requirements, Data Science majors are also required to complete a minor or double major to gain domain knowledge in a particular field, to better contextualize their data studies. Most minor programs require 5-6 courses. Any minor or second major can be selected: <https://www.ramapo.edu/majors-minors/a-z/>

*** Two additional free electives are required in the 3rd year because graduate courses are only 3 credits, instead of the usual 4 for undergraduate courses. Thus, a student must take an additional 3 credits to meet the 128-credit graduation requirement.

Total Graduate Credits Required: 30 credits****

GPA Required for MSCS: 3.0

******The 9 credits of graduate coursework taken in the fourth-year will double count towards both the undergraduate degree requirement of 128 credits as well as the required 30 graduate credits.**