

Computer Science/Data Science Department Orientation





AGENDA

Welcome to USC
Degree Requirements
Course Registration
Academic Advisement
Career Services

Computer Science Faculty

**Nenad Medvidovic,
Department Chair**



MS in Computer Science Programs

**Master of Science in Computer Science
(everyone earns this degree title)**

General Track (28 units)

Specializations (32 units)

- Data Science
- Software Engineering
- Multimedia and Creative Technologies
- Computer Security
- Game Development
- High Performance Computing & Simulations
- Intelligent Robotics
- Computer Networks
- Artificial Intelligence

Changing Specializations? You can do this after you completed your first semester at USC and earn a 3.0 or higher.

Data Science Faculty

Yolanda Gil
Director, Data Science Program
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MS in Data Science Programs

Master of Science in Data Science

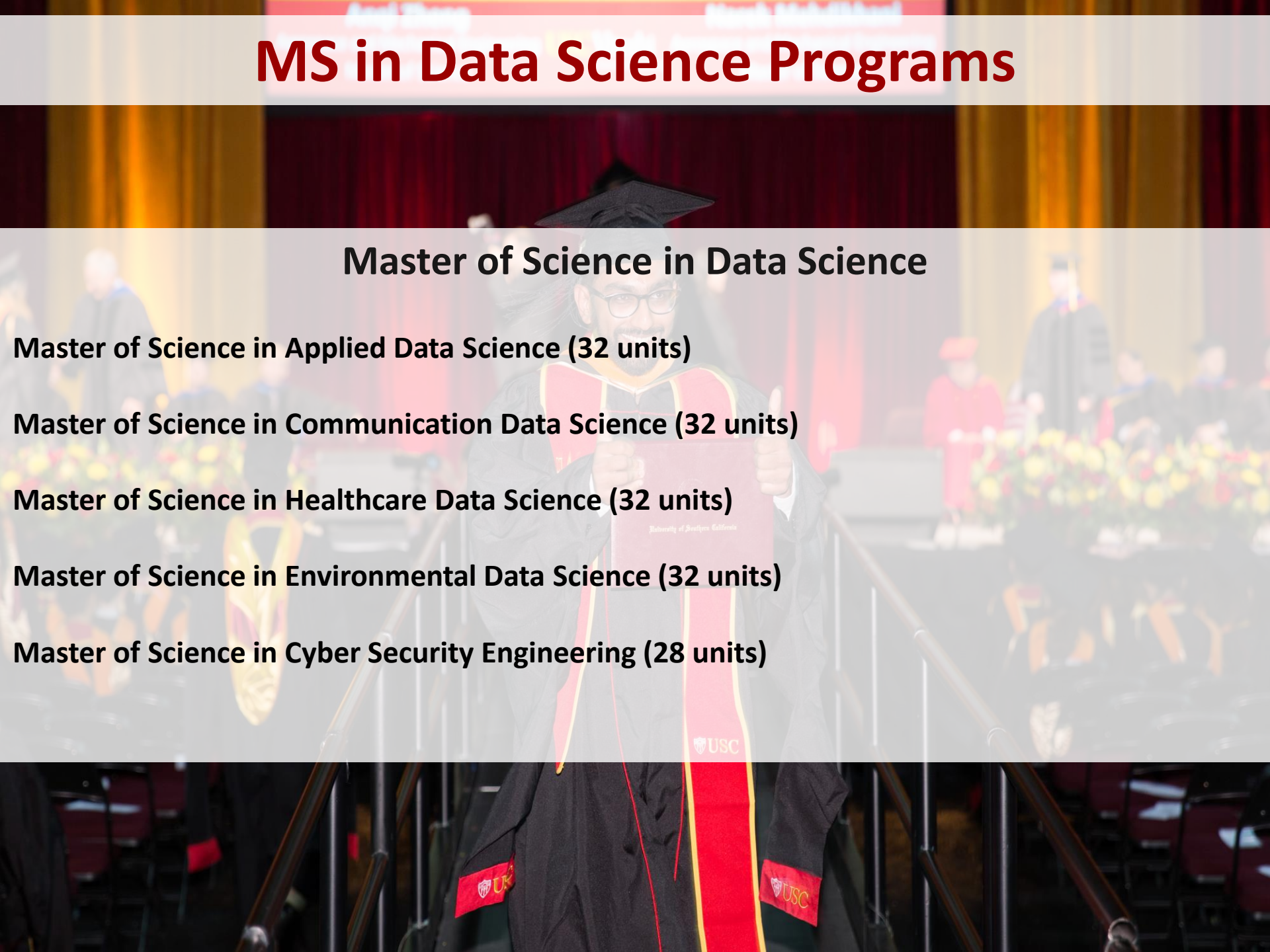
Master of Science in Applied Data Science (32 units)

Master of Science in Communication Data Science (32 units)

Master of Science in Healthcare Data Science (32 units)

Master of Science in Environmental Data Science (32 units)

Master of Science in Cyber Security Engineering (28 units)



First Semester Course Examples

Computer Science

General

- CSCI 570 + CSCI 585

Data Science (CS)

- CSCI 585 + CSCI 570

Computer Security

- CSCI 530 + CSCI 570

Multimedia and Creative Tech

- CSCI 420 + CSCI 576

Scientist and Engineers

- CSCI 455 + CSCI 585

Data Science

(if not waiving out of intro courses)

Applied Data Science

- DSCI 549 + DSCI 510

Communication Data Science

- DSCI 549 + COMM 502

Healthcare Data Science

- DSCI 549 + BME 527

Environmental Data Science

- DSCI 549 + ENST 500

Cyber Security Engineering

- DSCI 519 + CSCI 530


Tracking Your Degree Requirements

 Customize



myUSC

my Services

 EDIT WIDGET



Syllabus Updater
for Schedule of Classes



Office 365



Grading and Rosters
for instructors



Blackboard
online learning



Courses



Web Registration



OASIS
academic records



Gmail



Undergraduate Advisement



Pay My Bill
e.Pay



myUSC Updates
what's new in myUSC



Financial Aid

Your STARS
report can be
found on
my.usc.edu,
OASIS

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Tracking Your Degree Requirements

On-line Academic Student Information System



Course Information

Financial Information

Course Transfer

Record Ordering Services

Other Services

Logout



Course Information



Registered course List

Registered course(s), time, date and location for the three most recent semesters.



Book list

Lists all required and optional books that have been ordered through TrojanBookstores for the courses in which you are registered.



Enrollment history

Enrollment history including class level, enrollment status, units earned, program of study, etc.



Summary of Completed Courses

History of completed course(s) including units and grades.



Restrictions

Summary of active "holds," description, and removal location/ phone number and any mandatory advisement obligations, if any...



STARS report

Detailed listing of a student's degree requirements that have been met and those that remain to be fulfilled (if any).



STARS Interactive Audit Report

Provides a graphical representation of a student's STARS report. Also provides the ability to plan future course registration to determine its impact on degree progress.



Grade Report

Grades for the current semester will post as professors submit them. You can check your grades on the Completed Course Summary page or on the Grade Report page.



Permit to register

Eligible students' registration appointment times.

****STARS does not automatically update, but you can email your academic advisor once you complete your first semester of classes to request an update**

Continuous Enrollment, Leaves of Absence, and Degree Time Limit Requirements

- USC requires graduate students to maintain continuous enrollment every Fall and Spring semester.
- Summer enrollment is optional.
- If you must miss a Fall or Spring semester, please contact us to request a Leave of Absence before Friday of Week 3 of the semester (the add/drop deadline for courses). Make sure to contact the department ASAP!
- If you do not file for a leave of absence when not attending USC during a fall or spring semester, you will be considered out of residency and will need to apply for re-admission to the program. Always file for a leave of absence if you need time off from the program!
- You have 5 years to complete the degree program from the term of your first course. For international students this depends on your I20

Academic Expectations

Computer Science Honors Program: MS in CS students who earn a 3.9 or higher can apply to the Computer Science Honors Program and receive a number of benefits including special invitations to meet with faculty & industry affiliates as well as priority registration for classes (among other things). More information to come!
(www.cs.usc.edu/academic-programs/masters/cs_ms_honors/)

Good Academic Standing: All graduate students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (“B” average), as well as a 3.0 (“B” average) in your applied major courses. You may be dismissed from the program if this is not achieved.

Faculty and Teaching Assistants are available to help with questions you have about the course.

Be sure you understand how much peer-to-peer collaboration is acceptable before collaborating with other students in the course. Otherwise you may end up inadvertently getting an academic integrity violation ...

Consequences of Getting an Academic Integrity Violation

- You will receive a “F” in the class and it will affect your GPA and appear on your transcript. F’s cannot be removed – no exceptions
- You can be suspended or expelled from USC
- Can be denied future Curricular Practical Training/ Internship, access to Viterbi Career Connections and affect job opportunities
- **Academic** <http://catalogue.usc.edu>, The document of authority is the University Catalogue. Review your degree requirements, registration policies, etc.
- **Conduct** <http://scampus.usc.edu>, SCampus contains policies and procedures pertaining to student conduct. Freedom of speech, grievance procedures, computing, discrimination and other important topics.

How to Avoid Academic Integrity Violations

- If you are unsure if something would be considered cheating, check with your professor 1st! They are there to guide you and help you and will give you advice.
- If you are doing group work, make sure the professor has approved you to work on an assignment as a group.
- Don't post your homework on github! Don't share homework with your friend.
- Don't try to cheat the system. You will get caught!

Questions about Academic Integrity?

Viterbi Academic Integrity Officer:

Associate Professor Steve Bucher

sbucher@usc.edu

The Course Registration Process

Common Registration Holds
The Departmental Clearance
(D-Clearance) Process



USC Schedule of Classes

www.classes.usc.edu












- Registration Calendar
- Tuition and Fees
- Final Exams Schedule
- Course info and more!



– ASTE 589: Solar System Navigation (3.0 units)

Free-return trajectories for exploration of the moon, optimization and control of interplanetary trajectories, and mission design using the Interplanetary Superhighway.

 **Prerequisite:** ASTE 580

Section	Session	Type	Time	Days	Registered	Instructor	Location	Syllabus	Info
29186R	048	Lecture	6:40-9:20pm	Wednesday	2 of 20	 Gerald Hintz, Troy Goodson, Rodney Anderson	 OHE 100B	 PDF	  
29187D	034	Lecture	6:40-9:20pm	Wednesday	3 of 30	 Gerald Hintz, Troy Goodson, Rodney Anderson	DEN@Viterbi	 PDF	  

Registration (Add/Drop) Deadlines

Deadlines are always listed on the
Schedule of Classes

classes.usc.edu

USC Schedule of Classes

Fall 2022

Select a program

See another term

Registration Calendar

Session Codes

Final Examinations Schedule

Classes

Registration and Course Planning Tips

- Be flexible with your course choices. We offer a large variety of courses covering many areas of computer science & we know you're here to broaden your knowledge of computer science.
- Plan your classes by referring to the Schedule of Classes classes.usc.edu or Web Registration via myUSC.
- Out of Sequence: If you receive a waiver to take an advanced course, you cannot go back to take the lower-level course. No credit will be awarded.
- Enroll in no more than two courses per semester (8 units). For DEN students working full-time, we recommend no more than one course (4 units).
- Communicate with an advisor and/or professor if you are having any issues with courses before add/drop and withdraw deadlines.

Completing your MS in 3 Semesters

- Effective Spring 2020, students are no longer eligible to enroll in 3 CSCI/DSCI courses (12 units) in the same semester.
- Students seeking to complete their degree in 3 semesters, should meet with an advisor after week 3 to plan their courses accordingly (plan to take a course during the Summer semester).
- Students should only be enrolled in 2 CS/DSCI courses per semester. CSCI-590, and CSCI-591 do not count towards this limit.

Submitting D Clearance Requests for On Campus Courses

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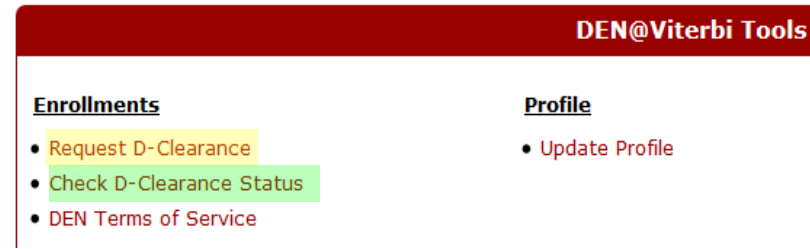
HOW TO REQUEST D-CLEARANCE FROM DEN

(All DEN courses require D-clearance)



Student FAQ **DEN@Viterbi Tools**

29071D-AME541_20163
29073D-AME541(DIS)_20163
29092D-AME578_20163
29093D-AME581_20163
29095D-AME588_20163
11288D-ARCH511_20163
29157D-ASTE470_20163
Please Select a Course



To begin D-Clearance, Please select a term to apply for D Clearance

Summer 2019 ▼ Select Term

1. Login to DEN Desire2Learn: <http://courses.uscdcn.net>
2. Go to DEN@Viterbi Tools on the navigation bar
3. Select “Request D-clearance” link, select the term, and select a course
4. Approval process takes 1-2 business days. To view the status of a request, click on “Check D-Clearance Status”
5. You can register once your request has been processed. D-clearances expire 7 days from when it is issued so register as soon as you obtain it to secure a seat in a course.

For questions on D-Clearance status, contact den@vase.usc.edu



DEN CONTACT INFORMATION

Location: Olin Hall of Engineering (OHE), Rm. 106

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 5 pm (Pacific Time)

<https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/academic-services/denviterbi-student-services/>

DEN@Viterbi Support	Contact Information	Staff
Technical support, Desire2Learn training, Homework	dentsc@usc.edu 213-740-9356	Daniel Cueva Bianca Richter
DEN d-clearance inquiries	den@vase.usc.edu	
Exams	denexam@usc.edu 213-740-9356	Shirley Schutt
VASE Advisor	ptrinida@usc.edu	Patty Rinehart
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Prior Degree Verification

- Check OASIS via myUSC to see if you have the ADM40 or RNR40 hold.
- Will not restrict first semester registration, but must be resolved by the end of the first semester.
- Degrees completed at domestic institutions require the final, official transcripts with degree conferral date be submitted to Degree Progress.
- Degrees completed at international institutions require IERF verification. Learn about this process at www.ierf.org/usc



CSCI/DSCI – Student Services Team



Advisors can be reached at

Viterbiservicedesk.dscimasters@usc.edu &
Viterbiservicedesk.cscimasters@usc.edu

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Lizsl De Leon, **Director of Student Affairs**

CSCI/DSCI – Student Affairs

“What services can the CSCI/DSCI advising team help me with?”





Academic Advisement Expectations

What You Can Expect From Us

- We reply to emails within 2 business days during business hours (Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm)
- We're available for one-on-one Zoom appointments scheduled via MyViterbi and we will be offering group advisement during the first week of classes.

What We Expect From You

- Check your email every day
- Include your USC ID and full name in all emails sent to Viterbiservicedesk.dscimasters@usc.edu & Viterbiservicedesk.cscimasters@usc.edu
- Only email using your usc.edu email address
- When our communication requires a response, please reply within 2 business days



CSCI/DSCI – Course registration

When can I register for Fall 2022 courses and what are the steps to register? (On-campus and DEN@Viterbi students)

- ✓ ***Refer to Advisement and Registration Info email***
- ✓ DEN students need to request d-clearance for DEN@Viterbi sections
 - ✓ **DEN d-clearance processing will begin in late July.**
- ✓ Deadline to register and settle account without late fee is 8/6/2022

How to Make an Advisement Appointment

During week 4 of the semester, advisors are available for course planning and other questions. You can make an appointment via myViterbi.

myViterbi

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Appointments are held via Zoom at this time.

Emails can be sent directly to our departments at

Viterbiservicedesk.dscimasters@usc.edu

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Viterbiservicedesk.cscimasters@usc.edu

New Student Resources

New Student Information Pages:

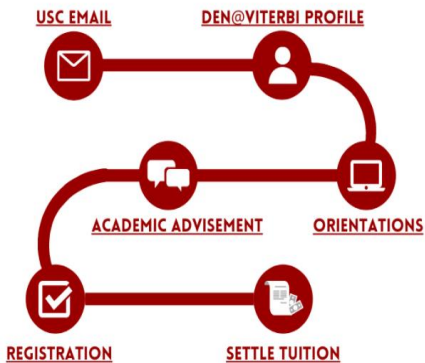
DEN - <https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/ms-denviterbi-new-student-information/>

CS Dept – cs.usc.edu

New Master's DEN@Viterbi Students

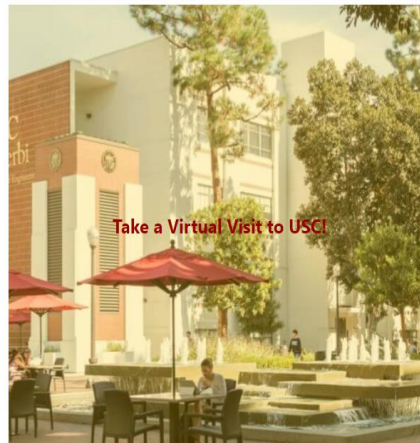
Next Steps

Click each step to check more details!



[Download Next Steps Checklist](#)

Graduate Student Hot Topics



Internship and Career Resources

Viterbi Career Connections

viterbicareers.usc.edu

vcareers@usc.edu

Career Fair Dates are currently TBA

Industry Affiliates Program

Stay tuned for information about special events with our affiliates!

(<https://www.cs.usc.edu/about/affiliate/>)

Affiliate Members

Founding Members
Platinum



Gold



Silver



Affiliate



Q&A

CSCI/DSCI Advising

- Emails:
CSCI students:
viterbiservicedesk.cscimasters@usc.edu
DSCI students:
viterbiservicedesk.dscimasters@usc.edu
*Please include USC ID number in emails
- Websites:
CSCI: <https://www.cs.usc.edu/>
DSCI: <https://datascience.usc.edu/>
- One On One advisement appointments are available online after the 3rd week of the semester through [myViterbi](#)

VASE Advising

- Email: welcome@vase.usc.edu
Website: <https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/>
Virtual Walk-in Hours (Monday-Friday, PST):
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



A background image of a university campus. It features a large, multi-story brick building with modern architectural elements like cantilevered balconies. In the foreground, there is a green lawn, a paved walkway, a black metal bench, and a tall black lamppost with a white globe. Several trees with green and some autumn-colored leaves are scattered throughout the scene. Bicycles are parked near the building entrance.

Thank You!

***Have a great semester!
Fight On!***

**A recording of this online orientation
and this presentation will be available for viewing and download on the VASE
website.**

<https://viterbigrad.usc.edu/ms-denviterbi-new-student-information/>