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Base curriculum (all concentrations)
- Core courses:
  - Data Science Analytics
  - Data Science Strategy & Leadership
  - Computing Platforms for Data Science
- 3 concentrations courses
- 2 elective courses
- Data Science and Business Analytics practicum consisting of a final project with industry experience.

Trained by world-class faculty, under the stewardship of a strong Industrial Advisory Board, the Data Science and Business Analytics master's program will walk students through each stage of the analytics pipeline that enables one to collect, clean, understand, model, and report data analyses.

Most importantly, students will be trained in leading models and successfully getting them “operationalized” into the day-to-day process and work-flows of the organization.

Our goal is to provide a dynamic interdisciplinary curriculum and training for graduates to move into business and hit the ground running.

Graduates are prepared to apply the practical knowledge and skills they have gained in computing, databases, statistics, analytics, operations research and business to immediately benefit their employers.

- Meet admission requirements for WSU Graduate School
- GPA of 3.0 or better for regular admission
- Students with undergraduate degrees in engineering or business from an accredited college of university
- Students from all STEM disciplines will be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis
- GRE/GMAT score
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