BEng(DS&E)
Bachelor of Engineering in Data Science and Engineering
工學學士(數據科學及工程)

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How Cambridge Analytica exploited Facebook user data to influence social behaviour?

What have Instagram data scientists and engineers been working behind the scenes to power the Instagram Explore recommendations?

About the Programme

Fast emerging data science and engineering technologies such as data analytics, artificial intelligence, and big data infrastructure boost the transformative impact of big data on businesses, industries and society.

The BEng(DS&E) programme is a professional degree in Data Science and Engineering offered by the Department of Computer Science at the University of Hong Kong, with support from the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, Department of Mathematics, and Faculty of Law. It provides a solid foundation for students pursuing career and research in the data science and data engineering discipline.

The curriculum is built upon a fine combination of foundation courses in data science, computing, mathematics, statistics, and law, and is designed to provide students with advanced training in both theory and practice in Data Science and Engineering. It is also unique in its emphasis on data privacy, ethical and legal issues for the data science profession, and privacy-preserving techniques. Students may also pursue a minor in a data-intensive field, thus bridging domain-specific knowledge with data science and engineering skills.

This programme offers graduates new and exciting career choices in the fastest-growing job positions like data engineer/architect, data scientist, data analyst, machine learning engineer, big data engineer, business analyst, and information security analyst.
Programme Features

- **Privacy-awareness:** Students will be equipped with data security knowledge, in connection with the protection of data privacy.

- **Data-centric techniques:** Various analysis techniques for different types of data (e.g., imaging data, IoT data, and diverse data obtained from Internet of Everything (IoE)) will be introduced.

- **Domain-specific minors and capstone experience:** We provide an option for students to take a minor in a specific domain, e.g., GIS in Geography, BIM in architecture, and biomedical data analysis. Students will demonstrate their data science skills and how data science can benefit a selected domain through the capstone project.

### Capstone Experience
- Final year project
- Data science in discipline project - related to minor domain
- Real-life data science (Project-based, practical, tools...)

### Data-specific domain knowledge
- Encourage to go for a minor/2nd major in an application area
  (e.g. business, social science, governance, education, art, architecture, engineering, medicine, science, ...)

### Advanced Studies

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### Comprehensive Foundations
- Computer Science, Statistics, Engineering, Law

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Course Highlights

**Cores**
- Introduction to Data Science and Engineering
- Machine Learning
- Ethics and Law in Data Science
- Real-Life Data Science

**Electives**
- Artificial Intelligence
- Applied Deep Learning
- Cyber Security
- Visualization for Data Analytics
- Data Analytics for IoT
- Big Data Systems
Programme Structure

- **Minor(s) / Free Electives (72 credits)**
- **DS&E Professional Core (114 credits)**
  - Engineering
  - DS&E Cores
  - DS&E
  - Capstone
- **University Requirements (54 credits)**

Admission Requirements

**JUPAS route:**
- English Language – Level 3 or above
- Chinese Language – Level 3 or above
- Mathematics (core) – Level 3 or above
- Liberal Studies – Level 2 or above
- Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or 2) – Level 3 or above
- One Elective Subject – Level 3 or above

**Non-JUPAS Route:**
Applicants with other local / international / national qualifications (e.g., IB, GCE-AL, SAT/AP, NJCEE) will be considered on an individual merit basis. More details are available from the programme website at https://www.cs.hku.hk/programmes/beng-datasc/.

Career Prospects

This programme aims to nurture professionals who are equipped with core knowledge and technologies in data science and practical training in data engineering, and are capable and passionate in driving different disciplines to excel in the era of big data.

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