BSc Data Science

This course is one of the first undergraduate courses of its kind in the UK and covers topics unique to Nottingham on data capture, data mining, statistical analysis, machine learning and large-scale cloud computing in combination with teaching an understanding of the human issues surrounding the analysis of personal data. It produces graduates with the core mathematical and computer science knowledge and skills needed to present, analyse and ultimately understand large data sets in an ethical manner.

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Course overview
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Typical modules include:

Year one
- Analytical and Computational Foundations
- Calculus and Linear Algebra
- Computer Fundamentals
- Databases and Interfaces
- Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence
- Probability
- Programming and Algorithms
- Statistics

Year two
- Algorithms, Correctness and Efficiency
- Artificial Intelligence Methods
- Introduction to Numerical Methods
- Probability Models and Methods
- Stochastic Models and Methods

Year three
- Individual Dissertation
- Optimization

Optional modules
- Decision Support Methodologies
- Human Computer Interaction
- Languages and Representation
- Machine Learning
- Software Quality
- Statistical Inference
- Topics in Statistics

Your career
You will graduate with a number of key skills, including general knowledge and understanding of computers and computer science; mathematics and statistics; specialised knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of artificial intelligence and data analysis; an understanding of a variety of approaches, techniques and tools needed to solve the different types of problem encountered in environments characterised by large data sets; and an understanding of the professional, legal and ethical aspects of the area.

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Course code: 1260
Duration: Three years
A levels: AAA with A in maths; or A*AB (with A* in Maths); or AAB (with A in Maths) if this also includes an A level in computer science

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