

Elite Master Program

MSc Data Science

LMU München

Data Science@LMU

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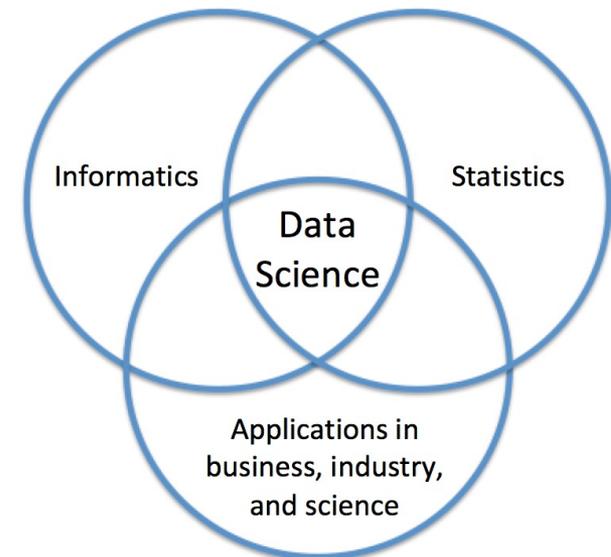
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Data Science: What is it about?

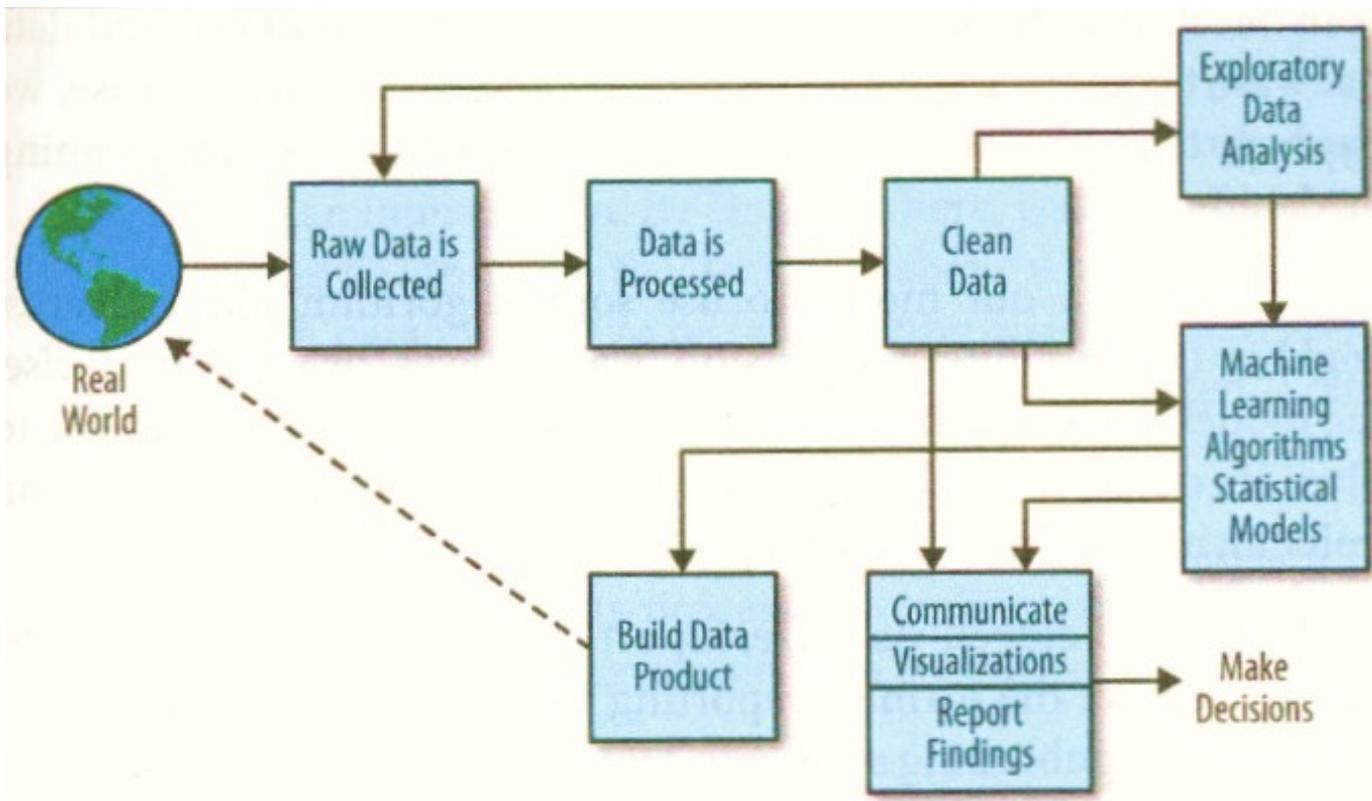
Data Science combines **informatics** and **statistics** in order to extract information from real data.

“Data Science is a blend of Red-Bull-fuelled hacking and espresso-inspired statistics”

(Mike Driscoll, CEO Metamarket)

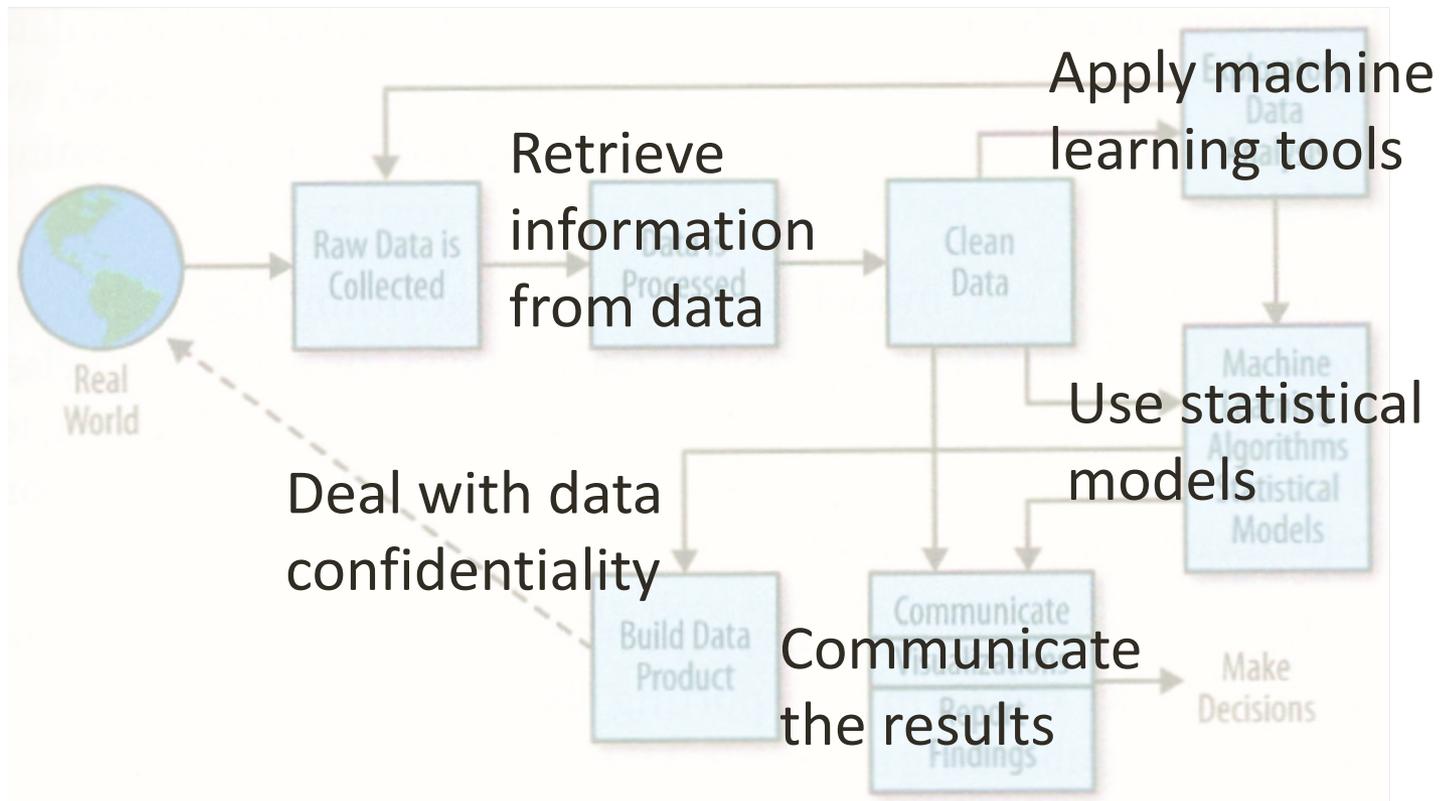


Data Scientists: What do they do?



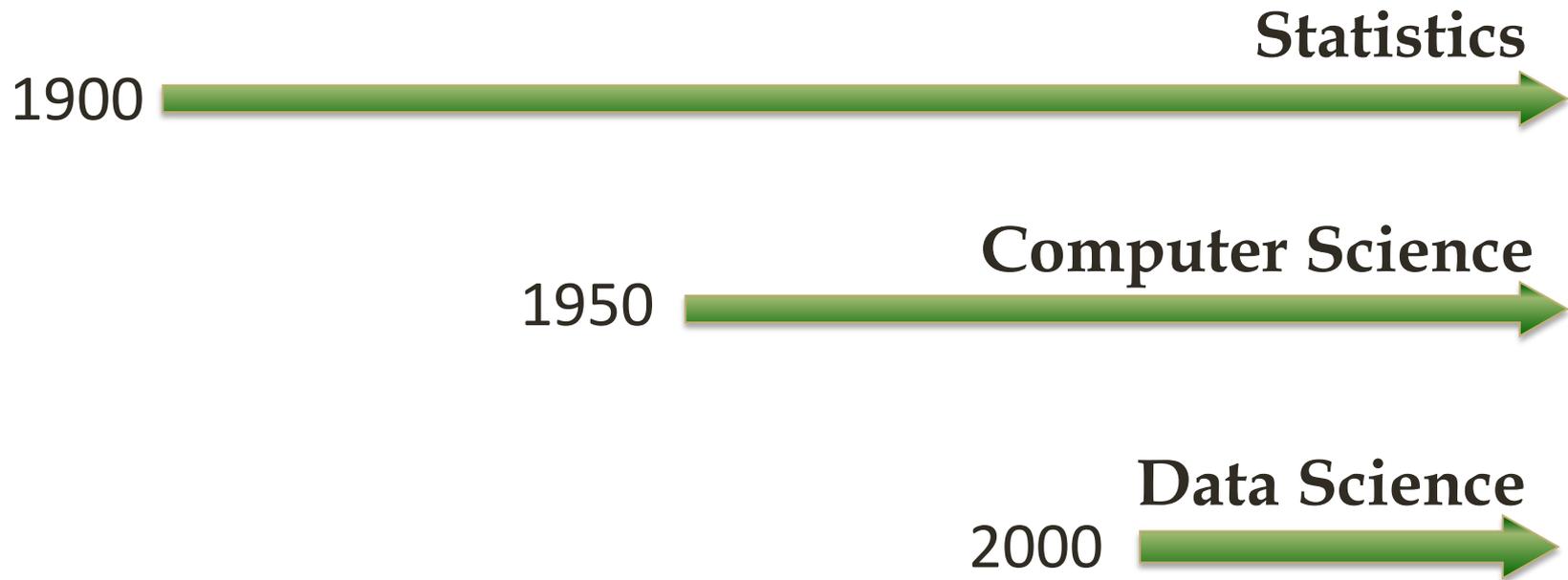
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Statistics and Data Science



Why Data Science? Why LMU?

- Data Science is **“data driven problem solving”**
- Data Scientists are needed in **industry, business, and science**
- Data Science requires **computational as well as statistical** knowledge and skills
- At LMU Munich, **Statistics and Informatics** are in the same **faculty**

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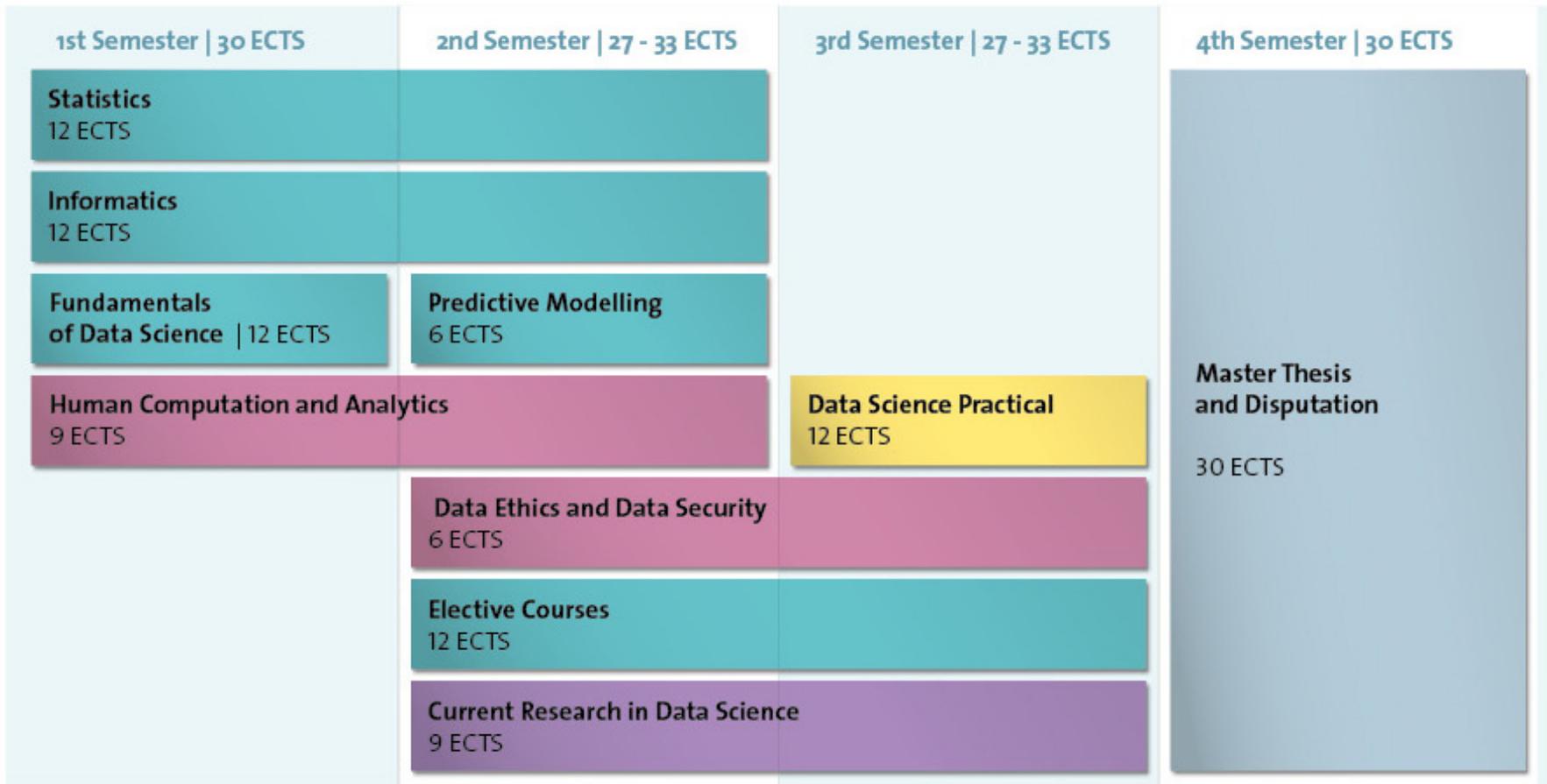
- Since winter semester 2016/17
- One of the first international Data Science programs
- Supported by the Elite Network of Bavaria
- Small cohorts – individual support



Elite Network
of Bavaria



Curriculum



1st Semester | 30 ECTS

2nd Semester | 27 - 33 ECTS

3rd Semester | 27 - 33 ECTS

4th Semester | 30 ECTS

Statistics

Informatics

Fundamentals
of Data Science

Predictive Modelling

Human Computation and Analytics

Data Science Practical

Master Thesis
and Disputation

Data Ethics and Data Security

Elective Courses

Current Research in Data Science

Core Module: Statistics

- Statistical Reasoning and Inference (Foundations)
- Statistical Reasoning and Inference (Advanced level)

Core Module: Informatics

- Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
- Big Data Management

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Fundamentals of Data Science (Individual Module)

- Heterogeneous level of expertise of incoming students
- Personalised assignment to courses in statistics and informatics to suit individual student's needs
- Result: homogeneous level of expertise after first semester

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Human Computation and Analytics

- Includes a practical in which students will implement their own concepts for HC/VA systems in the form of a working prototype

Data Ethics and Data Security

- Methodological questions of data anonymisation
- Lecture series with (invited) talks on technical, ethical, and legal aspects of data security

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Predictive Modelling

- Theory and algorithms of supervised statistical learning

Elective Modules

- Regular master courses from statistics, informatics, and computer linguistics
- Selected master courses from other departments
- Selected master courses from partner universities, e.g. image processing at TUM

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- Data Science Summer School
 - data security and data confidentiality, ethical and legal topics
- Data Science Focused Tutorials
 - biosciences, e-commerce, networks etc
- Data Science meets Data Practice
 - lecture series with experts from industry and business
- Field trips



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Data Science Practical

- Supervised practical in the 3rd semester, ca. 2-3 months
- Students work on practical problems in the field of Data Science
- Close cooperation with industry and business partners
- Focus on communicating results and findings to the clients

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Master Thesis and Disputation

- Thesis may be either research-oriented or stimulated through a practical problem
- After submission and assessment
→ oral defence

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Informatics
12 ECTS

**Fundamentals
of Data Science** | 12 ECTS

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**Master Thesis
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Curriculum – Summary

- Modules **exclusively** for Data Science students
- **Individual Modules** tailored to suit individual student's needs
- Courses on **data ethics, data confidentiality, and data security**
- Close cooperation with partners in **industry and business** (DS Practicals, Lecture series, ...)
- **Tutorials, Workshops, Summer Schools**

Data Science@LMU Activities and Cooperations

- MSc Data Science
- Data Science Professional Certificate Program



- German Data Science Days
- Data Science Lab
- Munich Center for Machine Learning



- MUDS
- Konrad Zuse School of Excellence in Reliable AI



- AIM@LMU
- Zentrum Digitalisierung Bayern



Local Academic Ties

Universities

- TU München
- Universität Augsburg
- Universität Mannheim



Research Institutes

- Leibniz-Rechenzentrum
- HelmholtzZentrum München
- IAB Nürnberg
- MPI for Innovation and Competition
- Bayerisches Finanz Zentrum



Close Cooperation with Industry and Business



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Requirements and Application

Requirements for Application (1/2)

- Students with **excellent knowledge** in **informatics and statistics**
- Students not interested in specialising in **either statistics or informatics**
- **Bachelor of Science** (or equivalent) in **Statistics or Informatics** or related disciplines
→ **at least 180 ECTS** (or equivalent)
- Proficiency in **English**

Requirements for Application (2/2)

- **Statistical Science and Data-Based Modelling**
statistics, data mining, probability theory, and machine learning
at least 30 ECTS or equivalent
- **Computer Science and Computational Methods**
data structures and algorithms, database systems, programming
principles and practice, software engineering
at least 30 ECTS or equivalent

Application – Step 1: Online Application

Step 1 is successful if

- application is submitted before the deadline
- application documents are complete
- all requirements are fulfilled
- essay is approved by committee

→ Invitation to interview (Step 2)

Application – Step 2: Interview

- 30 minutes, in English
 - In person or by video-chat
 - Two professors
 - Discussion topics see website
- Assessment of specialised knowledge, mode of expression, conclusiveness of arguments

Application Process – Dates and Deadlines

- **Step 1: Online application**
mid-April – 1 June 2023
 - **Step 2: Interview**
end of June 2023
- **Letters of acceptance** are sent out by email
in **mid-July 2023**

General information (for international students) on LMU Munich / Munich

...on the LMU homepage, e.g.

- **Costs/scholarships**

https://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/int_student_guide/before_you_arrive/budgeting/index.html

- **Housing**

https://www.en.uni-muenchen.de/students/exchange/incomings/austausch_engl/living/accommodation/index.html

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