Do you have a **problem-solving mindset**? Do you want to combine your **quantitative and programming experience** with your **collaboration and communication skills** to **innovate** and use **data science for good**? If you are ready to challenge yourself and become a leader in the field, start your journey towards a Master of Science in Data Science (MSDS) at UVA today!

**Before you Apply**

- Review the full program [curriculum](#), [prerequisites](#), and [degree outcomes](#).
- Attend an informational [webinar](#).
- Speak to an enrollment advisor at 434-264-5759 or [onlinedatascience@virginia.edu](mailto:onlinedatascience@virginia.edu) about:
  - Full and part-time [program options](#).
  - [Prerequisite](#) completion plan.
  - [Online experience and flipped classroom model](#).
  - Recommended technical skills (working knowledge of advanced mathematics and Python).
  - Weekly time commitment (15-20 hours a week).
  - Program start dates (Spring, Summer, and Fall).
  - Standardized test waivers (GRE/GMAT/MCAT and TOEFL or IELTS).
- [Financing options](#).
- Speak with your current employer to explore tuition assistance options and let them know you are planning to pursue your degree.

**Applying**

- Schedule an in-depth application walkthrough with an enrollment advisor to talk through application requirements, best practices, and your timeline to completion.
- Gather the following materials and apply at [https://apply.onlineprograms.virginia.edu/apply/](https://apply.onlineprograms.virginia.edu/apply/):
  - Statement of Purpose Explain how the MSDS fits your short- and long-term educational and career goals.
  - Unofficial Transcripts Send electronically to [onlinedatascience@virginia.edu](mailto:onlinedatascience@virginia.edu).
  - Standardized Test Scores Upload scores in the application system unless you qualify for an exemption.
  - Two Letters of Recommendation Submit reference contact information in the application. Your recommenders will automatically receive instructions for providing recommendations on your behalf.
  - Résumé or Curriculum Vitae.
  - Application fee Non-refundable $85.00 USD.
- Apply for [financial aid](#).

**Preparing for Classes**

- Submit your deposit.
- Submit official final transcripts to [onlinedatascience@virginia.edu](mailto:onlinedatascience@virginia.edu). Send official TOEFL scores via ETS to institution code C250 (no department code needed). Submit IELTS scores electronically through the IELTS test center.
- Connect with Success Coach to prepare a work/life balance plan.
- Review prerequisite course materials prior to the start of the semester.
- Make sure you have internet service that can handle video calls and a designated study space.
- Download [Zoom](#) on your computer.
- Connect with your professors, network with your peers, and take your first class!

For questions about the online application or the admission process please contact the School of Data Science Online Enrollment Team at 434-264-5759 or email [onlinedatascience@virginia.edu](mailto:onlinedatascience@virginia.edu) to learn more.