Computational and Data Science and Engineering

The Designated Emphasis (DE) in Computational and Data Science and Engineering Program (CDSE) at the University of California, Berkeley trains students in modeling and high-performance simulation of complex physical systems, as well as in several aspects of data analysis, statistics, machine learning, data visualization, etc. The CDSE program is committed to the development of new curricula and expanded programs aimed at the development and propagation of the use of tools of scientific computation to enhance research across multiple disciplines. To that end, the CDSE program will actively support the training and multidisciplinary education of scientists, engineers, and technical specialists who are experts in relevant areas.

The CDSE program crosses numerous disciplines, and participating departments include all of the departments in the college of engineering, computer science, mathematics, chemistry, astronomy, neuroscience, and political science, among many others.

Upon graduation, the student receives a “PhD in X with a Designated Emphasis in Computational and Data Science and Engineering” on their transcript and diploma. This designation certifies that she or he has successfully completed a designated emphasis in addition to the departmental requirements for the PhD. Completion of the DE-CDSE will also be posted to the student’s transcript. We encourage interested readers to visit data.berkeley.edu/decdse.

Applicants must already be students within a Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley.

Students must be accepted into the program and petition to add the DE-CDSE before taking their Qualifying Exam.

Applicants for the DE-CDSE program are required to:

- Submit an online application; for access to the application, please see the program’s website (https://data.berkeley.edu/decdse/).
- With this form, the student must specify their proposed area of CDSE study and list which three courses (https://data.berkeley.edu/decdse_students/) they will take to fulfill the requirements.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Transcripts (most recent copy of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts)
- Letter of recommendation from their advisor
- One-page statement about why they are applying to the program

For further information regarding admission to graduate programs at UC Berkeley, please see the Graduate Division’s Admissions website (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/).

Coursework/Curriculum

The student must take one course from each of the categories below; all courses taken to fulfill the DE requirements must be taken for a letter grade.

**Category 1: Mathematical Tools**
Select one of the following:
- MATH 221 Advanced Matrix Computations [4]
- MATH 228A Numerical Solution of Differential Equations [4]
- STAT 204 Probability for Applications [4]
- STAT 232 Experimental Design [4]
- STAT 240 Nonparametric and Robust Methods [4]
- STAT C241B/COMPSCI C28 Advanced Topics in Learning and Decision Making [3]
- STAT 244 Statistical Computing [4]

A course not listed, by petition to the program director

**Category 2: High Performance Computing**
Select one of the following:
- COMPSCI C266 Applications of Parallel Computers [3]
- CS294-73 is the new course, “Software Engineering for Scientific Computing”.

A course not listed, by petition to the program director

**Category 3: Application area**
Application area courses that utilize the above tools in a significant manner

The student proposes this course, including a detailed syllabus documenting the use of mathematics and computation in an application area.

Qualifying Exam

Students must have a DE-CDSE component in their qualifying exam, with a DE-CDSE faculty member on the exam committee.

Dissertation

At least one member of the DE-CDSE faculty be on the dissertation committee.