Human and Social Dynamics of Data and Technology Requirement

The Human and Social Dynamics of Data and Technology requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with a basic understanding of how technology and data interact with human and societal contexts. The requirement may be satisfied by taking an approved course. Coursework used to satisfy Human and Social Dynamics of Data and Technology must be completed with a letter grade of C- or higher.

Satisfying the Human and Social Dynamics Requirement with a Berkeley Course

The following Berkeley course options, completed with a letter grade of C- or higher, satisfy the Human and Social Dynamics of Data and Technology requirement:

- DATA 94: Special Topics in Data Science (1-4 units)
- DATA 4AC: Data and Justice (4 units)
- L & S 22: Sense and Sensibility and Science (4 units)

Those students prepared to complete an upper division (courses numbered 100-199) course in lieu of an approved lower-division course (courses numbered 1-99), should contact CDSS advising (cdss-undergrad@berkeley.edu) to confirm approval prior to enrollment. Only courses valued at 3 units or higher, and with a prerequisite of one of the approved lower-division courses will be considered. Below is a list of upper division courses approved for the Human Contexts and Ethics requirement for the Data Science major. Note that most seats in DATA C104 are reserved for Data Science majors and seats in the other courses are limited.

- AMERSTD/AFRICAM C134: Information Technology and Society (4 units)
- BIO ENG 100: Ethics in Science and Engineering (3 units)
- CY PLAN 101: Introduction to Urban Data Analytics (4 units)
- DATA C104/HISTORY C184D/STS: Human Contexts and Ethics of Data - DATA/History/STS (4 units)
- DIGHUM 100: Theory and Method in the Digital Humanities (3 units)
- ESPM C167/PB HLTH C160: Environmental Health and Development (4 units)
- INFO 188: Behind the Data: Humans and Values (3 units)
- ISF 100J: The Social Life of Computing (4 units)
- NWMedia 151ACTransforming Tech: Issues and Interventions in STEM and Silicon Valley (4 units)
- PHILOS 121: Moral Questions of Data Science (4 units)

Satisfying the Human and Social Dynamics Requirement through a CDSS major

The Data Science major program automatically satisfies Human and Social Dynamics of Data and Technology through their major requirements.