The University of Texas at Austin

Checklist for the Master of Science in Data Science
First Application deadline: April 1, 2021 (23:59 CST)
Second Application deadline: May 1, 2021 (23:59 CST)

Note: It takes 2-3 days for the University to process your ApplyTexas information and set up your MyStatus portal where you will submit application items. For this reason, we recommend starting your application a few days before the application deadline.

This checklist will assist in ensuring that you are submitting all necessary materials. We recommend collecting items 1-5 below as you complete the ApplyTexas portion of the application.

International Applicants only:
1) An official TOEFL or IELTS score: These must be sent to UT Austin electronically (you do not need a departmental code) and may take up to 4-6 weeks to navigate through our university system. See How to Apply: International Students if you have questions.

All applicants:
Regardless of citizenship status, all applicants are required to submit the following:
2) Statement of purpose: In 2 pages, share information that captures events/experiences that have prepared you for this program, your academic and professional interests, reasons for pursuing graduate study, and goals. Upload this item through your MyStatus portal as a “Statement of Purpose” document.
3) CV/Resume: At the end of this document, include as a last item a brief description of how you cover our pre-requisite courses. List specific courses, if applicable, with grades achieved. Alternatively, briefly indicate how you otherwise fulfill the required background (e.g., by on-line courses, etc).
4) Transcripts: Please see the ‘Submit Transcripts’ section of the Graduate Admission page.

Optional Materials:
Opting out of submitting supplemental materials does not reflect adversely on your application.
5) GRE: An official report sent by the testing agency. You may send GRE scores to bolster your application if you feel an area is weak. There is no departmental code, we utilize the UT Austin code, 6882.
6) Letters of recommendation: This is an opportunity for the admissions committee to learn about your data science background. Applicants have the option of supplying recommenders’ names and email addresses as part of the ApplyTexas application. Recommenders will be contacted electronically after the application has been submitted and the application fee has been paid. Do not exceed three letters of recommendation.

Submit your application online at www.ApplyTexas.org.
1) At the end you will need to pay your application fee. This amount must be paid in order to upload required and optional application items.
2) Within 48 hours of the submission of your ApplyTexas application, you will receive an email from the Graduate and International Admissions Center directing you to the MyStatus portal where you will be asked to upload your transcripts. Please do not mail these credentials.

For additional information regarding the submission of items, please see https://gradschool.utexas.edu/how-to-apply.

All materials must be uploaded electronically via your MyStatus portal. We will carefully dispose of any paper materials we receive, unless we have requested them.

For more information, please visit https://ms-datascience.utexas.edu/