



## **M.Tech. in Data Science (MDS)**



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## Overview

Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Hyderabad has introduced the MTech in Data Sciences (MDS) program in Academic Year 2018. MDS is a self-paced program of 48 credits that can be taken over 3-5 years. Students will do 24 credits of coursework in the first two years. In the third year, they would do two Capstone projects of 12 credits each. This is a self-paced course, where the students have the option of taking lesser number of courses in different semesters and complete the course requirement in 2-4 years. Capstone Projects can be taken only after the course requirement is complete. If a student is not interested in doing the 24 credits of Capstone projects, then he/she can graduate with the Executive M.Tech. in Data Science (EMDS) degree. The earlier program offered by the institute along similar lines was called the EMDS program, where the students had to do 24 course credits. MDS is an extension to the EMDS program. MDS is a full MTech Program, and is equivalent to the other MTech programs offered by the institute. The number of credits done by the candidates in MDS program is same as the number of credits needed to be done by the students in other full MTech programs.

## The Need for M.Tech. in Data Science Program

There are many applications, such as social media, healthcare, e-commerce, weather forecast, traffic monitoring, etc., that are producing massive amounts of data, the so-called “BIG DATA”, with Volume, Velocity, Variety, Veracity and Value (the five “Vs” of Big Data challenges) at an unprecedented scale. This has led to a critical need for skilled professionals, popularly known as Data Scientists, who can mine and interpret the data. Making sense of this massive data is a very difficult challenge for scientific, technological and industrial disciplines.

Unfortunately, there is a gap between the demand and supply of data scientists and technologists. Following are the chief reasons behind this gap:

- Undergraduate courses are too generic for addressing issues in this area in a focused manner.
- There are not many postgraduate courses that focus explicitly on Data Science.
- Even if some generic postgraduate programs can be tailored to focus on Data Science through electives, professionals working in the industry or Research and Development establishments do not have the luxury of taking two years off for pursuing higher studies.

With these factors in mind, the CSE Department at IIT Hyderabad proposes a three-year coursework based M.Tech. program in Data Science area that is flexible and can be self-paced. This program is exclusively designed to cater to the needs of working individuals, wherein a candidate is expected to do eight 3-credit courses over a period of 2-4 years. Ideally, one can take 2 courses per semester. The classes will be held over the weekends (or other timings suitable for working professionals) with each class having a 3-hour duration.

## Eligibility Criteria and Admission Process

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| <b>Duration</b> | Self-paced over three to five years |
| <b>Intake</b>   | Maximum 35                          |

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| <b>Eligibility</b>         | The candidate must have a minimum 2 years of work experience in Industry and be employed at the time of applying.<br>The candidate must have a BTech/BE/AMIE degree in CS/EE/IT/ECE, or an MCA, an MSc/MS degree in CS/IT, and have an excellent academic record.  |
| <b>Selection Procedure</b> | Candidates must fill an online application. Shortlisted candidates will have to give written test and / or interview. Prior research exposure and/or industry experience in areas related to data science will be considered a plus. The final selection of the candidate will be based on performance in the interview, and any other criteria deemed suitable by the admission committee. The department reserves the right to set any cut off criteria for shortlisting the candidates. |
| <b>Program Fee</b>         | The fee for applying to the program is ₹500/-. There is a registration fee of ₹15,000 per semester the student enrolls for one or more courses. For the program, the students have to complete 24 course credits and 24 Capstone Project credits. The course fee is ₹25,000 per credit for the courses. For the Capstone project, the fee is ₹12,500 per credit. For all the 48 credits the total fee is ₹9 Lakhs.   |

### Important Dates (Year 2019):

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| Date of opening of site for submitting online applications   | March 7, 2019                         |
| Last date for submitting online applications                 | April 1, 2019                         |
| Announcing list of shortlisted candidates for selection test | April 8, 2019                         |
| Date of written test/interviews                              | April 27, 2019                        |
| Announcement of selected candidates                          | Between 24th May 2019 - 31st May 2019 |
| Registration   | July 24, 2019                         |
| Commencement of class work                                   | August 3, 2019                        |

### Course Mode

The courses would be offered either on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm or on Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 am. The time slot in which a course would be taught would be informed to students beforehand to help them in deciding electives.

## Curriculum

The following table shows the curriculum for the MDS program for the 2019 Batch.

| Semester     | Course Title                   | Credits |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Semester I   | Mathematical Foundations of DS | 3       |
|              | Elective 1                     | 3       |
| Semester II  | Elective 2                     | 3       |
|              | Elective 3                     | 3       |
| Semester III | Elective 4                     | 3       |
|              | Elective 5                     | 3       |
| Semester IV  | Elective 6                     | 3       |
|              | Elective 7                     | 3       |
| Semester V   | Capstone Project 1             | 12      |
| Semester VI  | Capstone Project 2             | 12      |

## Tentative List of Elective Courses

The Following table provides a tentative list of elective courses that can be offered.

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| Image and Video Analytics             | Parallel and Distributed Systems                       |
| Topics in Data Mining                 | Numerical Linear Algebra for Data Analytics            |
| Scaling to Big Data                   | Programming Models for Multicore and GPU Architectures |
| Data Acquisition and Productization   | Information Retrieval                                  |
| Web Databases and Information Systems | Introduction to Statistical NLP                        |
| Applied Machine Learning              | Probabilistic Models for Machine Learning              |

Note that the department may introduce new courses and offer those as elective courses for the students. The syllabus of the courses will be provided to the students before course registration to help them to select the courses to register for.

## About IIT Hyderabad

The Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IITH) was established in the year 2008 and is currently operating out of its permanent campus since 2015. The Institute has a sprawling permanent campus of about 570 acres at Kandi near Sangareddy in Medak; about 50 minutes' drive from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad.

Faculty and students are at the forefront of innovation - academic innovation and innovative research at IIT Hyderabad. Ranked 9th among Engineering institutes in the country, IIT Hyderabad has seen exponential growth in its number of publications, patents, funded projects, and centers of excellence. Within a very short time since its inception, IIT Hyderabad (IITH) has made significant strides in research as well as in pedagogy. IITH became operational on August 20, 2008 with three departments: CSE, EE & ME, with the first batch comprising of 111 B.Tech. students. IITH currently has 14 departments, which span across all the major departments found in any of the older IITs. The current student strength is approximately 2500. IITH has an equal number of students in its postgraduate and undergraduate programs, which is a testimony to its emphasis on becoming a leading world-class research institution. Today, IITH has approximately 200 full-time world class faculty members. Moreover, IITH has hosted several international faculty for research collaborations as well as teaching engagements.

IIT Hyderabad has BTech programs in nine Engineering departments, MSc in Physics, Chemistry and Math, MPhil in Liberal Arts, MDes in Design, and PhD in all these departments. There is a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary academics—IITH offers a unique BTech program in Engineering Science to achieve interdisciplinarity. IITH has implemented a novel academic program called Fractal Academics: where the key idea is to atomize courses, provide breadth and depth, emphasize courses in liberal arts and creative arts, emphasize project work, and create an interactive learning ambience.

Many state-of-the-art laboratories have been established over the last few years at IITH. In all, there are more than 100 labs that are operational. IITH has nearly ₹120+ crore of sponsored research funding, and about ₹10+ crore of consultancy funding. On average, IITH faculty have published about 175 journals and referred conference papers annually over the last few years, which will only increase in years to come.

IITH has a very strong collaboration with Japan at an institutional level in research and development, as well as in the architectural design of the permanent campus. This collaboration gives IITH a great impetus for quickly being among the world leaders for cutting-edge research. IITH already has some transdisciplinary centers, such as Center for Nano-X, X-Materials Center, Center for Sustainable Development, Center for IoT and Cyber Physical Systems, Center for High Performance Computing, Center for Smart Cities. IITH also has strong industry collaborations, both at national and international levels. Besides, IITH has MoUs and active collaborations with several leading US universities and Japanese Universities. IITH has had several visiting faculty from USA, France, and Canada who have taught short duration (Fractional Credit) courses. IITH aims to create an environment that fosters innovation and invention and seeks to realize the dreams

of aspiring top-class students: dreams for higher knowledge, dreams for scientific inquiry, dreams for technology creation, dreams for co-curricular activities, and dreams to change the world.

## About Department of CSE, IIT Hyderabad

As IITH completes the tenth year of its existence, the department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) has made rapid progress and is continuing to establish itself through state-of-the-art research and teaching. The department comprises of twenty faculty members, with expertise in various research areas including theoretical computer science, algorithms, graph theory, networking, distributed systems, compilers, machine learning, image/video processing, computer architecture and software verification. In addition to the regular B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D programs, the CSE department has been successfully running the EMDS program for working professionals, and was actively involved in mentoring the CSE department of IIT Bhilai. From 2018, the department is offering an extended version of the EMDS program. This new program is called MTech in Data Science (MDS) and is open to industry professionals. The department faculty members are recipients of substantial research grants from government agencies like SERB/DST/MHRD, DST-JST, JICA and industry partners such as Intel, IBM, Redpine Signals, and AMD. The department also secured DST-FIST grant of Rs. 2 Crores to further augment R&D infrastructure. Faculty members of the CSE department published papers in top-tier venues e.g., ICML, STOC, CVPR, CP. Several faculty members have received individual accolades in terms of recognition and fellowships from government as well as industry establishments. The department hosted several events, the most prominent of which was the 24th edition of National Conference on Communications (NCC 2018) at IITH campus (jointly with the department of EE). The students and alumni of CSE have continued to excel. Alumni of CSE have secured admissions graduate programs at top universities such as MIT, Princeton and CMU. Students have also received prestigious competitive awards such as Facebook AI Residency fellowship, Google AI Residency fellowship program, S.N. Bose Fellowship, Honda Young Engineer and Scientist Award, and TCS scholarship. To know more about the department and research interests of the faculty, please visit <https://cse.iith.ac.in/>.



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