Predictive Analytics and Risk Management:
Financial and Insurance Analytics, MS

for the Master of Science in Predictive Analytics and Risk Management,
Financial and Insurance Analytics concentration

Prepares students for the nascent profession of predictive analytics; it provides background and skill sets for data analytics with focus on financial and insurance industries. A student successfully finishing the program will typically have acquired a broad foundation of machine learning and predictive modeling techniques to forecast outcomes and glean valuable insights that can lead to better-informed business and investment decisions.

The assessment of the above-stated learning objectives will include:

- the job placement/graduate school acceptance rates
- feedback from employers
- graduate satisfaction surveys

These assessments will be conducted on an annual basis. We conduct exit surveys on all students each year, which should provide data on graduate students’ job placement and graduate school acceptance rates. On the survey we will design questions to assess student’s overall evaluation of these learning objectives. The curriculum was developed in close collaboration with industry partners. We expect to maintain close relationship with them and seek their feedback on the quality of our graduates on a regular basis.

Courses will be scheduled so that students may complete the 32-hour program in one academic year. Each concentration requires 12 hours of common core courses, organized around three broad areas of expertise, including a case study course. Each concentration also requires 12 hours of related area coursework specific to the concentration, plus an additional 8 hours of electives from a prescribed list included in this proposal. At least 12 hours must be taken at the 500 level.

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Other Requirements

- Other requirements may overlap
  - A concentration is required.
  - Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12
  - Minimum GPA: 2.75

**Financial and Insurance Analytics Concentration**

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overview of admissions & requirements:

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department website: http://www.math.illinois.edu

program website: https://math.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate-program-mathematics-admissions/#MS-ActSci (https://math.illinois.edu/admissions/graduate-program-mathematics-admissions/#MS-ActSci)

department faculty: https://math.illinois.edu/research/faculty-research/actuarial-science (https://math.illinois.edu/research/faculty-research/actuarial-science/)

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