

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT: PLAN OF STUDY SUPPLEMENT FOR DATA SCIENCE**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



House: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the Gov Data Science program! After you have discussed your academic plans with the data science adviser, please email a copy of this document to Karen Kaletka ([kbkaletka@gov.harvard.edu](mailto:kbkaletka@gov.harvard.edu)).

Please answer a few questions before listing the courses you are considering on the back page:

1) What are your **goals** in pursuing the data science program? What do you hope to achieve?

2) What **skills** do you hope to gain through the data science program?

3) Are you considering a **career** or **graduate work** related to data science?

4) Are you planning to pursue a **secondary field** at Harvard? If so, what courses will you take and why? (Please remember that only **one** class can be double counted for your Government concentration and secondary field. This is a Harvard College rule to which exceptions cannot be made.)

## COURSE PLAN:

**Requirements:** In addition to the usual requirements for the Government concentration, students in the data science program take **four** methods courses. (One fulfills the research-methods requirement for all concentrators, while the others are usually concentration electives.)

Ordinarily, three of these courses are (1) Gov 50 (formerly Gov 1005): Data, (2) Gov 51: Data Analysis and Politics, and (3) Gov 52 (formerly Gov 1006): Models. However, students with prior coursework in statistics and data science may choose to take more advanced courses instead. The Gov website (<https://undergrad.gov.harvard.edu/data-science-within-government>) has a full list of courses that can be used to meet data-science requirements.

1. Please indicate which four classes you plan to use to meet the requirements for the data science program:

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2. Please write any additional notes about your course plan here:

3. Do you plan to take additional courses outside of Government related to data science?

4. With whom have you discussed your plans? When? (List these discussions here. You should feel free to consult your CA, professors, TFs, and the DUS or ADUS.)

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*Signature of Data Science Adviser*

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*Name of Data Science Adviser*

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*Date*

Comprehensive information about the Gov Data Science program can be found online at:  
<https://undergrad.gov.harvard.edu/data-science-within-government>