

JEE 688 Data Science for Environmental and Energy Studies
(JEE xxx Essential Concepts of Data Science for Environment and Energy)
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1. Course Description

This graduate-level course introduces essential elements of data science and its ecosystem, as motivated by their significance and utility in today-world applications, including environmental and energy issues. The course is designed to prepare students to be equipped not only with basic knowledge but initial familiarity to certain data tools and open data to necessarily enhance their academic research and future career. The course begins with an overview of data science and the world of data, followed by data attributes and conventions. The backbone of the course is dedicated to data analytics, which covers data handling & wrangling, statistics, and predictive methods. Real-world data-related applications are illustrated for additional perspectives. The course employs a mixed approach with emphasis on lectures, complemented by tool-based demonstration and a mini class project.

2. Target Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA)

Knowledge: Essential elements of data science and its ecosystem

Skills: Initial familiarity to selected standard open-source tools and open data

Abilities: Data handling and data

3. Target group of students

- a. PhD and MS students at JGSEE
- b. (Optional) PhD and MS students at KMUTT in engineering and science
- c. (Optional) Non-degree interested persons

4. Pre-requisites

None

5. Course Learning Outcomes [Indicate the alignment of CLOs with the PLOs]

Students are expected to be able to

CLO1: Understand the essential elements of data science and its ecosystem

- ECS aligned: PLO2, PLO4
- SES aligned: PLO2, PLO3

CLO2: Develop initial familiarity with selected open-source data tools

- ECS aligned: PLO2
- SES aligned: PLO2

CLO3: Conceptualize the utility of data science and open data in environment and energy

- ECS aligned: PLO3, PLO6

- SES aligned: PLO5, PLO6

6. Method of Teaching and Learning

Online, on-site, or hybrid (all applicable)

7. Course Outline and Organization

Open every semester or one semester annually, depending on if assigned core or elective

Module 1: Essential concepts		
MLO1: Understand the essential elements of data science and its ecosystem		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESC aligned: LO2.6, LO4.1 ○ SES aligned: LO2.2, LO3.0 		
MLO2: Develop initial familiarity with selected open-source data tools		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESC aligned: LO2.2 ○ SES aligned: LO2.2 		
MLO3: Conceptualize the utility of data science and open data in environment and energy		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECS aligned: LO3.1 ○ SES aligned: LO6.0 		
Lecture	Instructor	Teaching Period
Lecture 1: Data science, data analytics, and big data	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 2: Data types and formats	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 3: Space-time convention	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 4: R, Python, and QGIS in a very nutshell	KM (JGSEE) / Other	1 week
Lecture 5: Data operation	KM(JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 6: General and spatial statistics	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 7: Database and query	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 8: Data reduction	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 9: Time series	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 10: Causal relationship	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Lecture 11: AI and machine learning	KM (JGSEE) / Other	1 week
Lecture 12: Data visualization	KM (JGSEE)	1 week
Module 2: Real-world perspectives		
MLO1: Conceptualize the utility of data science and open data related to environment and energy		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECS aligned: LO6.1 ○ SES aligned: LO5.0 		
Lecture	Instructor	Teaching Period
Lecture 13: IoT and smart city/energy/farming	Other	1 week
Lecture 14: Cluster/cloud computing and data storage	Other	1 week
Lecture 15: Space-based data (climate, air quality, waste, plastic, biomass, solar, wind, wave, and hydropower)	KM (JGSEE) / Other	1 week
Lecture 16: Mini class project submitted and examination	KM (JGSEE)	1 week

8. Evaluation Methods

- Take-home examination, given in the end of Module 2 (70%)

- b. Mini class project submitted in the end of Module 2 (20%)
- c. Class participation throughout the semester (10%)

9. Guided References/Resources

- a. Lecture notes of the main instructor.
- b. Kotu V, Deshpande B (2019) Data Science: Concepts and Practice. Morgan Kaufmann (Elsevier).
- c. Crawley MJ (2012) The R Book. Wiley.