

<b>BLOCK NAME</b>	DATA SCIENCE
<b>BLOCK CODE</b>	CS-L6B2
<b>COURSE</b>	3
<b>LEVEL</b>	6
<b>CREDITS</b>	6
<b>CLASS HOURS</b>	60
<b>HOMEWORK</b>	90
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	150

**DESCRIPTION**

This block introduces the data science process and its techniques. We face the challenge of creating a predictive model from user data to solve a customer churn problem for a (hypothetical) telephone operator. This telephone operator is worried because a lot of customers are leaving and going with its direct competitor.

**PRE-REQUISITES**

Basic programming skills are needed. A good artificial intelligence base is appreciated.  
**CS-L1B1, CS-L6B1**

**OBJECTIVES**

The goal is for students to be familiar with the processes and techniques commonly used when doing data science.

**SKILLS TO BE DEVELOPED**

- 1 - The Data Science Process.**
  - 1.1 - Understand the distinct phases of the Data Science Process and how transitions between them can be done.
- 2 - Machine learning.**
  - 2.1 - Extract, transform and load data to be used by machine learning algorithms.
  - 2.2 - Differentiate distinct types of machine learning algorithms and be able to choose the correct one for each specific problem.
  - 2.3 - Create predictive models from datasets and use them to perform inferences with new data.
  - 2.4 - Evaluate a machine learning solution.
- 3 - Data visualization.**
  - 3.1 - Write code to produce visualizations that show what is happening in a way easy to understand by persons that are not data scientists.
- 4 - Common use cases.**
  - 4.1 - Solve a customer churn problem with machine learning.
  - 4.2 - Solve a fraud detection problem with machine learning.
- 5 - Data Science in Big Data environments.**
  - 5.1 - Do Data Science work in Big Data environments.

**SYLLABUS**

- 1 - The Data Science Process.
- 2 - Machine learning.
- 3 - Data visualization.
- 4 - Common use cases.
- 5 - Data Science in Big Data environments.

**METHODOLOGY**

Resolution of practical activities supervised by the mentor. Compulsory attendance.

## DEDICATION AND EVALUATION

The student must pass the mandatory activities (challenges/projects) that are covered in the block.

Each challenge/project produces its own score and has been designed to cover certain block percentages.

Such score is 80% objective (the program that solves the challenge/project works without errors and producing the expected results) and 20% subjective (solution elegance, how clean the code is, documentation).

Block scores are finally calculated by prorating individual activities with respect to their block coverage percentages.