

# Year in Data Analytics

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- I use data analytics to analyse big data related to images and shapes.
- Applications in Astronomy.

# Data Analytics in the news

## Big Data London: When is the event and who is speaking?

The annual conference will be headlined by history-making British astronaut Tim Peake

## Google Cloud expands developer tools and data analytics capabilities with generative AI

Google announces a number of very helpful capabilities for developers and those building data-centric applications at Google Next '23. We take a look at those likely to prove the most game-changing.

## The Impact of Data Analytics on Football



Market Trends

September 18, 2023 · 3 mins read

## Spokane startup raises \$20M for data analytics software used by finance and treasury teams

BY **NATE BEK** on September 12, 2023 at 5:00 am

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  - CCTV footage
  - Train, coach and plane bookings

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# Applications

- Driverless cars
- Cameras used to collect image-based data
- Models turn data into information:
  - What does that sign say?
  - Is that a pedestrian?
- Information turned into actions:
  - Brake
  - Steer left

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- Astronomy
- Telescopes generate terabytes of data each night
- Exoplanets in other star systems
- Redshifts in distant galaxies
- Intelligent life?

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# Who are you doing the year with?

- Kent Business School, Kent Law School, School of Biosciences, School of Computing, School of European Culture and Languages, School of History, School of Physical Sciences, School of Politics and International Relations, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research
- Accounting & Finance, Ancient, Medieval and Modern History, Biochemistry, Biology, Biomedical Science, Business and Management, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence), Criminology, Criminology and Social Policy, Criminology and Sociology, Finance and Investment, Forensic Science, History, International Business, Law, Law and Management, Management, Marketing, Physics, Politics, Politics and International Relations, Politics and International Relations with Quantitative Research, Sociology

# Course structure

- Six taught modules
- 3 terms (2 modules per term):
  - An Introduction to Data Analytics
  - Understanding and Synthesising Research
  - Predictive Modelling
  - Creating Your Own Data
  - Communicating and Presenting Results
  - Big Data and Machine Learning

# A typical week in Autumn term

Timetable for Academic Year - 2026 & SPR Code - 20887074/3 (Now showing dates 06/Oct/2025 to 12/Oct/2025)

	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	1
Mon				11:00 - 12:00 <a href="#">MAST5112</a> , LECTURE Understandin and More		13:00 - 16:00 <a href="#">MAST5112</a> , SEMINAR Understanding and Synthesising Research Room: Cornwallis North West seminar room 8 Lecturer: <a href="#">MARCHAND C</a>						
Tue												
Wed												
Thu			10:00 - 11:00 <a href="#">MAST5110</a> , LECTURE An Introdu More	11:00 - 12:00 <a href="#">MAST5110</a> , PC An Introdu More								
Fri				11:00 - 13:00 <a href="#">MAST5110</a> , PC An Introduction to Data Analytics Room: Cornwallis East PC Room 1 More								

# Course structure

- Credits require the same amount of work in each school
- Our modules are no different
- But.... depending on your main course, you may find the structure a bit different
- 20-credit modules with two or more pieces of coursework
- No exams, no revision

# Course structure

- An Introduction to Data Analytics
- MAST5100
- First ten weeks of the autumn term
- 4 hours per week
- 42 contact hours

# Course structure

- Understanding and Synthesising Research
- MAST5112
- Autumn term
- Lectures and seminars
- 4 hours per week

# Course structure

- Predictive Modelling
- MAST5114
- Spring term
- 42 contact hours
- 4 hours per week



# Course structure

- Big Data and Machine Learning
- MAST5118
- Spring term
- 42 contact hours
- 4 hours per week

# Course structure

- Creating Your Own Data
- MAST5116
- Summer term
- 4 hours per week

# Course structure

- Communicating and Presenting Results
- MAST5120
- Summer term
- 4 hours per week

## Autumn term

**Unit 1:** An  
Introduction to  
Data Analytics

**Unit 2:** Understanding and  
Synthesising Research

## Spring term

**Unit 3:** Big Data and Machine  
Learning

**Unit 4:** Predictive  
Modelling

## Summer term

**Unit 5:** Creating Your Own

**Unit 6:** Communicating  
Presenting Results

Autumn term

Spring term

Summer term

**Unit 1:** An  
Introduction to  
Data Analytics

Fundamentals of what data analytics means in the real world.

Core statistical techniques and data handling.

Hands-on use of software.

Autumn term

Spring term

Summer term

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Introduction to  
Data Analytics

Knowledge and skills required to interpret the results of quantitative research, and to synthesise the diversity of findings on a particular issue.

**Unit 2:** Understanding and  
Synthesising Research

Autumn term

Spring term

Summer term

**Unit 1:** An  
Introduction to  
Data Analytics

Develop your skills to be able to  
handle more advanced data and  
methods

**Unit 3:** Big Data and Machine  
Learning

**Unit 4:** Predictive  
Modelling

You need to be able to analyse numerically  
what has happened in the past and make  
predictions about the future.

Autumn term

Spring term

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Unit 4: Introduction to Data Science

Surveys, market research data, social media posts, administrative data, opinion polls.

An understanding of how these are created, and an ability to do it yourself, will give you the flexibility to work in a number of fields.

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Predictive Analytics

Unit 6: Communicating and Presenting Results



# Support

- Module lecturers
- CEMS Student Engagement
- Course lead
- Academic advisors

# Engagement Support

**New email:** [EngagementSupport@kent.ac.uk](mailto:EngagementSupport@kent.ac.uk)

**New locations:** advice and support in central locations making it easier for you to find and visit.

Co-locating with other student facing teams so that you can go to one place and get help from the correct team when you visit.

You can email, call, drop-in or visit by appointment as needed.



Templeman Library, Canterbury



Sibson Building, Canterbury



Medway Building, Medway

<https://student.kent.ac.uk/support/engagement>





# New Late Submission Policy

For all students who submit late with penalty.

**24 hours late  
60 max mark**

Where the assignment is submitted within 24 hours of the published deadline, the mark recorded for the piece of work may not exceed the mark of 60;

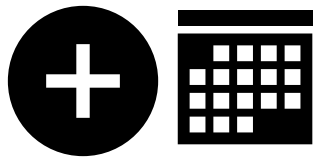
**48 hours late  
Module pass  
mark max**

Where the work is submitted within 48 hours of the published deadline, the mark to be recorded for the piece of work will be capped at the pass mark for the module.

**> 48 hours  
Mark of zero**

Where work is submitted more than 48 hours after the published deadline a mark of zero will be recorded for it.

**OR you can request an extension to the deadline without any mark penalty if you have extenuating circumstances that are eligible for mitigation.**



# Mitigation for Extenuating Circumstances

## 2 options

You can request **Extension** and/or **End of Year Mitigation**.

Please note that for some assessments an extension is not possible, and in these cases End of Year Mitigation is the only option.

## 7-day max extension

**7-day extension from the original deadline as standard**, and no more than **1 extension for each assessment**. Please note in some cases 7 days is not possible, and shorter extensions will be advised.

## Evidence

Only **ILPs with adjustments for deadlines count as evidence** and all other students (with or without an ILP) need to provide evidence or self-certify for up to two 7-day periods to cover in-course extensions.

If an extension is approved, then the Late Submission Policy is no longer applicable; a mark of zero is recorded if the submission is late following an approved extension.

**These are standard guidelines but there will always be exceptional circumstances where additional support and other adjustments can be considered.**



# Any questions?