



# Chaminade University OF HONOLULU

## Course Syllabus

**Course Number:** DS 200

**Course Title:** Data Ethics

**Department Name:** Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**College/School/Division Name:** Chaminade University of Honolulu

**Term:** Spring 2024

**Course Credits:** 3

**Class Meeting Days:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Class Meeting Hours:** 11:30AM-12:50AM

**Class Location:** Data Science Center, Tredtin Hall

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**Office Hours:** MTWThF 1:00pm-2:00pm

**Instructor Website:** NA

**Other Professional Contact Information:** NA

## 1. University Course Catalog Description

This course is an introduction to ethics and policies in data science that will cover philosophy, ethics, policy topics on data science and cybersecurity. This course will include lectures, discussions, discussion papers, and a project. Students will develop, expand, and/or enhance their ethical compass, conceptual framework, and policy analysis abilities. Students in this course will use their culture and identity, philosophies, principles, and theories as tools to help in evaluating the ethical dilemmas and policies provided as case studies in this class.

## 2. Course Overview

This course is an introduction to data ethics in data science that will start off by setting the stage on framing data ethics. Next, this course will provide tools to use in thinking about and analyzing data ethic cases. The course will then explore various data ethic cases.

## 3. Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the undergraduate B.S. program in Data Science, Analytics & Visualization, students will be able to:

1. Source, describe and curate large data sets ('Big Data') that may not be amenable to traditional hardware and software, and conventional statistical analysis including domain and file specific metadata and the tools built around alternatives to tabular relations that allow the use of multimodal data;
2. Identify, describe and apply foundational mathematical and statistical concepts and operations, including the application of tools such as R, SQL and Python languages, that underlie data sourcing, management, analysis and interpretation;
3. Develop and implement approaches for effective data translation, dissemination and communication between domains, stakeholders and the public;
4. Identify and apply basic data modeling, predictive models and visualizations to support decision-making;
5. Integrate an awareness of ethical issues and collective standards to positively influence the application of data science to service, justice and peace in working towards solutions for societal problems;
6. Explain, plan and execute data science tasks within multidisciplinary teams;
7. Execute a domain-specific capstone project addressing a stakeholder-generated use case.

General Education Learning Outcomes Critical Thinking: Students will evaluate and articulate the social, environmental and ethical dimensions of service, justice, and peace in the context of their particular course and field or discipline of study.

## 4. Course Learning Outcomes and Linkage to Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

Course Learning Outcomes	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5	PLO 6	PLO 7	GELO
1. Identify, describe, evaluate, and apply the introduced			X		X	X		X

philosophies, principles, and theories.								
2. Perform analyses on various ethical dilemmas and topic areas.			X		X	X		X

### 5. Course Prerequisites

NA

### 6. Required Learning Materials

Learning materials will be provided on Canvas. These include Powerpoint and PDF slides, websites, articles, Zoom video conference application, consider.it application, and Microsoft applications.

### 7. Course Website:

All assignments and materials will be submitted via **Canvas Course Management System** unless stated otherwise. The assignments are to be clear, professional quality, and must be submitted in the requested format or the work will receive zero points. Please familiarize yourself with Canvas and visit the site regularly as materials, grades, announcements, and submission of assignments will be on Canvas.

Chaminade University Data Science Program Website: [datascience.chaminade.edu](http://datascience.chaminade.edu)

### 8. Technical Assistance for Canvas Users:

Search for help on specific topics at [help.instructure.com](http://help.instructure.com). [Chat live with Canvas Support 24/7/365](#).

Watch this [video to get you started](#) with online guides and tutorials. Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: [helpdesk@chaminade.edu](mailto:helpdesk@chaminade.edu), or call (808) 735-4855

### 9. Assessment.

Assessments	Points
Participation and Communication	10
Assignments (9x)	45
Project	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### 10. Grading Scale

Letter grades are given in all courses except those conducted on a credit/no credit basis. They are interpreted as follows:

A 90-100% 90 points or more: Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative

B 80-90% 80-89 points: Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner

C 70-80% 70-79 points: Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter

D 60-70% 60-69 points: Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite course work.

F <60%

59 points or less: Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Feedback and grades on course deliverables (e.g., assignments, projects, quizzes, etc.) will be provided in the “Grades” of Canvas. Response time will take place up to 3 days.

## 11. Course Schedule

Week	Date	Lesson	Activities
1	1/9-1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce syllabus.</li> <li>• Everyone introduces themselves.</li> <li>• What is data?</li> <li>• What is ethics?</li> <li>• What is data ethics?</li> </ul>	
2	1/16-1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing expectations</li> <li>• APA citations and referencing</li> </ul>	Assignment 1
3	1/23-1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of framing on ethics. – Dark book pg 1.</li> </ul>	Assignment 2
4	1/30-2/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social engagement by the engineer: Social environment – Dark et al. pages 74-77</li> <li>• Social environment tradeoffs</li> </ul>	Assignment 3
5	2/6-2/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social goals – Stone Goals Part 1 and tradeoffs</li> </ul>	
6	2/13-2/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social goals – Stone Goals Part 2 and tradeoffs</li> </ul>	Assignment 4
7	2/20-2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public, Private, Common, and Club Goods. – Dark book pg 106 and Lewis</li> </ul>	Assignment 5
8	2/27-2/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilitarian vs. Deontological vs. Virtual ethics. – Dark book pg 17</li> </ul>	Assignment 6
9	3/5-3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRB, IACUC, consent, and policies.</li> <li>• Case – Find an unethical case, describe the case, and what would be the ethical approach?</li> </ul>	Assignment 7
10	3/12-3/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information ethics - Floridi</li> <li>• Misinformation and disinformation</li> <li>• AI and ML biases</li> </ul>	Assignment 8
11	3/19-3/21	Spring Break	
12	3/26-3/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special topic</li> </ul>	Assignment 9
13	4/2-4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special topic</li> </ul>	
14	4/9-4/11	Work on project	
15	4/16-4/18	Work on project	
16	4/23-4/24	Work on project.	
17	4/29-4/30	Finals Week	

**Credit Hour Policy:**

This is a three-credit course requiring a minimum of 135 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Students enrolled in this course are anticipated to spend 37.5 hours in class and 48 hours research and writing the ten-page essay. There will be an additional 49.5 hours of work required beyond what is listed here (course readings, assignments, etc.), averaging 3.3 hours each week.

**Course changes:**

The instructor reserves the right to change the course instruction, schedule, deadlines, course requirements, and grading throughout the semester. Changes will be announced through email or Canvas Course Management System.

**12. Alignment of Natural Sciences Courses with Marianist and Hawaiian values of the University.**

The Natural Sciences Division provides an *integral, quality education*: sophisticated integrative course content taught by experienced, dedicated, and well-educated instructors.

- *We educate in family spirit* – every classroom is an *Ohana* and you can expect to be respected yet challenged in an environment that is supportive, inclusively by instructors who take the time to personally get to know and care for you.
- *We educate for service, justice and peace*, since many of the most pressing global issues (climate change, health inequity, poverty, justice) are those which science and technology investigate, establish ethical parameters for, and offer solutions to.
- *We educate for adaptation and change*. In science and technology, the only constant is change. Data, techniques, technologies, questions, interpretations and ethical landscapes are constantly evolving, and we teach students to thrive on this dynamic uncertainty.

The study of science and technology can be formative, exploring human creativity and potential in the development of technologies and scientific solutions, the opportunity to engage in the stewardship of the natural world, and the opportunity to promote social justice. We provide opportunities to engage with the problems that face Hawai‘i and the Pacific region through the Natural Sciences curriculum, in particular, those centered around severe challenges in health, poverty, environmental resilience, and erosion of traditional culture. The Marianist Educational Values relate to Native Hawaiian ideas of *mana*, *na‘auao*, *ohana*, *aloha* and *aina*. We intend for our Natural Sciences programs to be culturally-sustaining, rooted in our Hawaiian place, and centered on core values of *Maiiau*, be neat, prepared, careful in all we do; *Makawalu*, demonstrate foresight and planning; *‘Ai*, sustain mind and body; *Pa‘a Na‘au*, learn deeply.

**13. Additional departmental and university policies****13.1. Late Work Policy**

Requests for extensions due to extenuating circumstances (medical problems, for example) will be considered, but work received after the deadline will not be graded, unless stated otherwise. Computer problems are not an excuse for late work.

**13.2. Grades of "Incomplete"**

Students and instructors may negotiate an incomplete grade when there are specific justifying circumstances. An Incomplete Contract (available form the Divisional Secretary and the Portal) must be completed. When submitting a grade the “I” will be accompanied by the alternative grade that will automatically be assigned after 90 days. These include IB, IC, ID, and IF. If only an “I” is submitted the default grade is F. The completion of the work, evaluation, and reporting of the final grade is due within 90 days after the end of the semester or term. This limit may not be extended.

### **13.3. Writing Policy**

Paper requirements and formatting will be discussed during the course when the assignment is given.

### **13.4. Instructor and Student Communication**

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor at [rylan.chong@chaminade.edu]. Online, in-person and phone conferences can be arranged. Response time will take place up to 3 days.

The University provides a Chaminade email address for all students. Official Chaminade communications will be sent to the students' Chaminade email address and instructors will use only this email to communicate with students. It is the responsibility of the student to check their email frequently. Report email-related problems to the Helpdesk at 808-735-4855 or helpdesk@chaminade.edu

### **13.5. Cell phones, tablets, and laptops**

*Music Devices and Cellular Phones:* Unless specifically permitted by your instructor, use of music devices and cell phones is prohibited during all Natural Science and Mathematics classes, as it is discourteous and may lead to suspicion of academic misconduct. Students unable to comply will be asked to leave class. Out of consideration for your classmates, please set your cell phone to silent mode during class. Students are encouraged to bring laptops or tablets to class as the instructor will assign online activities and readings that will require the use of a laptop or tablet. Laptops and tablets should not be misused, such as checking distracting websites. Use your best judgment and respect your classmates and instructor.

### **13.6. Disability Access**

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from the Counseling Center by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Counseling Center at (808) 735-4845 for further information (counselingcenter@chaminade.edu).

### **13.7. Title IX Compliance**

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

### **13.8. Attendance Policy**

The following attendance policy is from the 2023-2024 Academic Catalog: Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's school office (Natural Science and

Math 1 (808) 440-4204). It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially **withdrawing** may receive a failing grade.

Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being **withdrawn** from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to **withdraw** students in that scenario. Repeated absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu ADA Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes. Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

### **13.9. Academic Conduct Policy**

See the current Undergraduate Academic Catalog and the Student Handbook available from Student Affairs.