

# STATISTICS FOR SMART DATA

**MSc**  
IN  
ENGLISH



THE NATIONAL SCHOOL  
FOR STATISTICS AND DATA  
ANALYSIS IN FRANCE

# WHY ENSAI?

## Reputation

ENSAI is a highly-esteemed engineering school (one of the prestigious French *Grandes Écoles*) with cutting-edge expertise in Statistics, Computer Science, and Economics. Renowned researchers from France and abroad assure high-quality teaching.

## High Employment

Highly-skilled graduates enjoy an exceptional employment rate.

## Human Scale

The small student body for this MSc program receives a personalized welcome, and the faculty members of ENSAI's two research teams are readily available for students.

## International Vision

Partnerships with prominent institutions around the world have been fostered to prepare students for international careers (eg. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, University of Warwick, Tongji University, Nanjing Audit University, Colorado State University).

### STRONG POINTS OF THE PROGRAM

- Explores a unique field where Statistics, Applied Mathematics, and Computer Science converge
- Addresses practical, real-world issues and provides a solid theoretical background
- Prepares for a career with rapidly-increasing employment worldwide

### IT TOOLS

Cloud Computing  
Hadoop, NoSQL, Spark  
Python, R

### ACCREDITATION



French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

## Andra ANOIACA

Student - CLASS OF 2016

*"The experience at ENSAI has definitely completed my academic preparation towards becoming a data scientist. I chose the program over others for the computer science classes tailored for people with a mathematical and statistical background. It was amazing learning so much in such a short amount of time. The opportunity to discover and use the newest in-demand technology and tools gave me an edge on the job market which would have been difficult to acquire otherwise."*



# "Rather than worrying about Big Data, companies would do well to instead focus on Smart Data"

— Bernard Marr, Advanced Performance Institute

ENSAI's program goes beyond Big Data; it has shifted its emphasis to Smart Data, thus meeting the vital challenge of smart sensing and smart processing of the plethora of data available. Smart Data focuses on revealing the **Value** and **Veracity** from the Volume, Variety and Velocity of Big Data.

Thanks to ENSAI's renowned expertise in Data Science and its innovative approach in training specialists to process and analyze data, strong links have been built with the professional world and graduates are highly sought after.



## CALENDAR AND PROGRAM

The program includes **one semester of coursework at ENSAI**, which is followed by a four to six-month paid internship in France or abroad within the professional world or academia/research laboratories.

|   | Semester 1  | Semester 2                                      |
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| <b>August</b><br>▼                      | <b>Mid-September to mid-February</b><br>▼                     | <b>Starting end of February</b><br>▼            |
| <b>Intensive French Summer Program*</b> | <b>Courses, Projects, Professional Lectures</b><br>30 credits | <b>Internship (4 to 6 months)</b><br>30 credits |

\* An intensive French program for non-French speakers precedes the program. These students also benefit from French classes throughout the academic year.

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

## Students will

- Learn the methodological aspects and the practical skills needed to become a Data Scientist in order to meet the growing needs of a large variety of industrial and service companies and organizations in fields such as retail, manufacturing, financial markets, insurance, healthcare, energy, and public administration.
- Acquire the core concepts of data management, the necessary tools to access, handle, and analyze massive amounts of heterogeneous data.
- Master the mathematical models and algorithms vital for rapidly extracting information from data.
- Develop knowledge for deep understanding of data, creating insight.

# CURRICULUM

## Semester 1

### Statistical Models for Dependent Data (60h)

Nonhomogeneous Markov Chains  
Graphical Networks & Dynamic Networks  
Dynamic Data Visualization

### Machine Learning (60h)

Features Selection & Regularization Methods  
Deep Learning  
Parallel Computing with R & Python

### Smart Sensing (60h)

Smart Sensing Foundations  
Applications of Smart Sensing

### Models for Complex Data (60h)

High-Dimension Time Series  
Functional Data with Applications

### IT Tools (60h)

IT Tools 1 (Hadoop, NoSQL, Spark)  
IT Tools 2 (GNU Linux, Shell Scripting, Cloud Computing)

### Challenges for Smart Society (60h)

Energy Transitions: Quantitative Aspects  
Smart Data Project  
Professional Lecture Series

## A WORD FROM THE HEAD OF THE PROGRAM

HEAD OF THE STATISTICS FOR SMART DATA PROGRAM AT ENSAI

*"Many Master's degrees in Data Science have emerged in this era of Big Data, most of which are highly IT oriented. ENSAI, the most specialized Graduate School in Statistics in France, has naturally chosen a different path. Students learn not only the latest in Computer Science technology; they are also trained to deeply understand the mass of data and to master algorithms and statistical modeling skills that are essential to identifying relevant and valuable information."*

Valentin PATILEA, Professor of Statistics



## Semester 2: Internship\*

**4-6 month professional experience followed by final report and jury defense**

\* If the internship is carried out in France, by law it must be paid.

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS



## Arnaud LAROUCHE

Associate  
ERNST & YOUNG ADVISORY

"Data Scientists educated at ENSAI possess the essential skills for Big Data projects. As mathematicians, they choose, adapt, and apply various approaches from the fields of Statistics and Artificial Intelligence to extract value from the data being exploited. As computer scientists, they identify pertinent data from information systems, program algorithms to exploit them, and help design infrastructure that will make rapid use of the results obtained. As experts in their field, their analyses seek to promote efficiency and profitability in businesses. They enrich dialogue with the process managers they accompany, going beyond the simple role of technical experts; they also focus on how their work impacts the overall business of the company."

## Jean ANDRÉ

Operations Research  
& Data Science Team Manager  
AIR LIQUIDE

"Students trained at ENSAI bring an applied vision to data, an expertise that industrial companies crave. For example, Air Liquide is very involved in the development of Smart Data for new energies like hydrogen or biogas. In addition to the volume of data, the multiplication and variety of sources highlight the need for 'Smart Data Scientists'. They must be capable of selecting, connecting, and merging data, and re-working them in order to construct relevant explanatory variables that will later be used in predictive models. Thanks to these models, 'Smart Data Scientists' can create value by proposing adequate prescriptive action."

## Moustapha OUSMANE BAWA GAOH

Student  
CLASS OF 2016

"After studying Statistics I was looking to specialize in the field of Data Science. After some research, ENSAI seemed the obvious choice and I am delighted to have opted for this program. The atmosphere in the classroom is warm and friendly, the equipment top-notch and readily accessible, teachers from many walks of life with different backgrounds share their expertise, and the end result corresponds to what the professional world is seeking, therefore opening up numerous internship possibilities. Furthermore, thanks to the international nature of the MSc, students from different horizons and nationalities thrive side by side."

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## STRONG LINKS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD

- A program involving numerous projects supervised by professionals
- The annual ENSAI Business Forum with over 60 participants, from start-ups to large groups, to help students find an internship and/or a future job
- The ENSAI Career Center, an online tool to help students kick start their future careers



 [JOBTEASER.COM](http://JOBTEASER.COM)

## PROFESSIONS

Graduates of the program are skilled Data Scientists

In addition to **doctoral possibilities** in research, graduates have numerous career opportunities in international corporations and data start-ups in many fields including:

- > Business Analytics
- > Internet of Things
- > Personalized Medicine
- > Smart Grid Optimization
- > Smart Society
- > Social Networks Analysis
- > Supply Chain Optimization



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# LOCATION

ENSAI is located on the Ker Lann Campus, near the cosmopolitan city of Rennes, France. Only 90 minutes from Paris by train, Rennes is known for its many cultural events and festivals, as well as being a lively student city with two major universities and a number of graduate schools. Rennes is the capital of Brittany, a region renowned for some of France's most spectacular coastline and landscapes.

Rennes



# ACCOMODATION

All Ker Lann Campus residence halls are open to ENSAI students → [www.campuskerlann.com/categorie/logement](http://www.campuskerlann.com/categorie/logement)

Many of ENSAI's foreign students are warmly welcomed at Résidence University.

Foreigners who follow the intensive summer French program are hosted within families.

# COST

- 8,000 € (includes tuition, registration, and fees for entire program)
- + 1,000 € for intensive Summer French program (for foreigners not possessing B2 CEFR minimum level in French)

*N.B. Possibility for reduction in program cost for applicants from partner institutions*

# COST OF LIVING

Estimated monthly expenses: €600-€900

€25 - €35  
Smartphone  
/ Data plan

€200 - €350  
Rent (net)

€35  
Electricity

€250 - €350  
Food

€30  
Public  
transportation

€50 - €100  
Other expenses

€400 - €550  
(+ security deposit equal to one month's rent),  
minus roughly €200 (French rent subsidies: CAF)

(on-campus student lunch meals: €3)

(laundry, clothing,  
entertainment, etc)

# ADMISSION AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must have a minimum of 4 years of higher education (at least a 4-year BSc, or the first year of an MSc). Strong mathematical background and advanced computer science knowledge are required.
- Applications are pre-selected based on candidates' degrees, level, and skills. Final admission is granted following a personal interview (in person or via videoconference).
- **Language 1: English** (all coursework and examinations)
  - Minimum level of B2 CEFR
  - Common certificates accepted (eg. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge CAE)
- **Language 2: French** (practical life)
  - No minimum level.



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