

# Degree Schedule – Graduate Certificate in Big Data Statistics in Astrophysics

Due one semester prior to completing certificate requirements.

**Students:** Complete the form in Microsoft Word and email the docx file to your [graduate program director or assistant.](https://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/prospective/directors/#certificate)

**Graduate program:** Review the information provided, indicate your approval as noted, and [submit to the Graduate School](https://sites.google.com/mtu.edu/grad-school-form-submission/home) online. (link only accessible to Graduate Program staff)

The graduate certificate Big Data Statistics in Astrophysics allows students to develop a foundation of statistical analysis, data mining, and machine learning, understand how to implement algorithms; how to use databases to manage the data; and how to learn from the data with machine learning tools, develop and implement new machine learning methods to different problems in Astrophysics. Based on these skills, students can explore applications of statistical techniques and machine learning tools to analyze and interpret astrophysical data. Students receiving this certificate will have the ability to solve open-ended problems in Astronomy and Astrophysics through statistical inference, machine learning algorithms, or data mining techniques. Students receiving this certificate will be able to effectively present essential concepts of data analyses in astrophysics. This is a nine-credit certificate.

## Student Information

Complete the information requested below.

Name Last or Family Name, First Name or FNU

M-Number (M12345678) M

Your name will be printed on your certificate as it appears in our University records with either your legal or preferred first name. Please choose how you would like your name to appear on your certificate and type it in full. Students may contact the [Registrar’s Office](https://www.mtu.edu/registrar/students/information/preferred-name/) to change their preferred name; employees may contact Human Resources.

Selection for name Choose an item.

Typed name Name as it should appear on certificate

## Certificate Mailing Information

Your certificate will be mailed approximately six to eight weeks after the semester that all requirements have been met to the person and address that you provide below. If you request mailing to an address that you do not reside at, please indicate “in care of” and the name of the person living at the address. Please note that this will not update your regular mailing address at the University.

Mailing address Enter name and address of the person to mail your certificate

## Accelerated Certificates

Certificate programs may allow up to three (3) credits earned while an undergraduate at Michigan Tech to be used to fulfill the requirements of their bachelor’s degree and graduate certificate. To earn an accelerated certificate, students must:

* [apply for admission](https://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now/) to the certificate program following current procedures,
* follow all current policies regarding the reuse of credits, and
* mark the accelerated class(es) with “AC” in the “Semester and Year Taken” column in the tables below.

## Required Coursework (3 Credits)

In the table below, mark the classes taken for the certificate with the semester the credits were earned.

| Semester and Year Taken | Course Number | Course Title | Number of Credits |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester | PH 5396 | Statistics, Data Mining and Machine Learning in Astronomy | 3 |

## Elective Coursework- I (3 Credits)

In the table below, mark the classes taken for the certificate with the semester the credits were earned.

| Semester and Year Taken | Course Number | Course Title | Number of Credits |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester | PH 4610 | Stellar Astrophysics | 3 |
| Semester | PH 4620 | Galactic Astrophysics | 3 |
| Semester | PH 4630 | Particle Astrophysics | 3 |

## Elective Coursework- II (3 Credits)

In the table below, mark the classes taken for the certificate with the semester the credits were earned.

| Semester and Year Taken | Course Number | Course Title | Number of Credits |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Semester | PH 5610 | High Energy Astrophysics | 3 |
| Semester | MA 5761 | Computational Statistics | 3 |
| Semester | PH 5395 | Computer Simulation in Physics | 3 |
| Semester | CS/EE 5841 | Machine Learning | 3 |
| Semester | CS/EE 5821 | Computational Intelligence - Theory and Application | 3 |
|  | CS 5831 | Advanced Data Mining | 3 |

## Coursework Substitutions

Fully complete the table with the information requested. Include any courses for the certificate that are not named in the above tables. Approval of courses not listed above is at the discretion of the program granting the certificate.

| Semester and Year Taken | Course Number  ex: CH5555 | Course Title  Include the course number (as listed above) of the substitution and a brief rationale.  The table will expand to fit your text. | Number of Credits |
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Graduate School Use Only: Total Credits

## Approvals

**Graduate program**: indicate your approval by typing your name below (if possible). Uploading the form to the Graduate School indicates your approval even if the form fields are not available. The Graduate School approves the form after receipt and verification.

Type name of approver

Department chair, Physics OR Graduate Program Director, Big Data Statistics in Astrophysics

Graduate School Approval Date