DATA ANALYTICS & QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

The specialization in Data Analytics and Quantitative Analysis (DAQA) provides opportunities to pursue advanced work in computational and data analytics, econometrics and quantitative analysis and to apply these techniques to a broad array of policy and management issues.

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The Data Analytics & Quantitative Analysis (DAQA) Specialization requires 9 points, consisting of one required three-point course, and six-points in either quantitative analysis or data analytics electives.

In addition to these requirements, DAQA students are required to complete the SIPA U6400 / SIPA U6401 sequence of economics in the MIA and MPA core and SIPA U6500 Quantitative Analysis I for International and Public Affairs to qualify for the DAQA Specialization. Additionally, students must earn a minimum grade of **B-** in SIPA U6400 and SIPA U6500. It is strongly recommended that students complete SIPA U6500 during their first semester.

Questions should be directed to Marie Gugnishev, Coordinator of the DAQA Specialization, at mg4441@columbia.edu.

DAQA Pre-Requisites

- SIPA U6400 Microeconomic Analysis for International and Public Affairs*
- SIPA U6401 Macroeconomic Analysis for International and Public Affairs
- SIPA U6500 Quantitative Analysis I for International and Public Affairs*

*Minimum grade requirement of B-

DAQA Requirements

- SIPA U6501 Quantitative Analysis II for International and Public Affairs
- 3 Credits of an Advanced Course
- 3 Credits of electives approved by the Specialization Director

International Economic Policy Concentration Students

Due to International Economic Policy requiring SIPA U6501 as a core course, students in this concentration must instead take an additional DAQA elective course to fulfill specialization requirements for a total of 9 credits in DAQA electives:

- 3 credits in an Advanced Course
- 6 credits in electives approved by the Specialization Director

SIPA Students Matriculated *Prior* to Fall 2022

Continuing DAQA students can choose any course from the Advanced Course and SIPA Electives course lists respectively to their Data Analytics or Quantitative Analytics Focus Area to fulfill their credit requirements.

Required Course

		Points
SIPA U6501	Quantitative Analysis II for International and Public Affairs	3.00

Quantitative Analysis Focus Area

		Points
Advanced Courses		
INAF U6599	Quant III: Labor Economics For Policy Students	3.00
INAF U6604	Applied Econometrics	3.00
INAF U6608	Economics of Education Policy	3.00
INAF U6614	Data Analysis for Policy Research Using R	3.00

INAF U8145	Advanced Economic Development for International Affairs	3.00
INAF U8305	Conducting Empirical Research in Economics	3.00
INAF U8360	Economic Measurement of Discrimination	3.00
PEPM U6640	Macroeconometrics	3.00
PUAF U8516	Time Series Analysis	3.00
SIPA U8500	Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation and Policy Research	3.00
SIPA Electives		
INAF U6016	Cost-Benefit Analysis	3.00
INAF U6098	Financial Risk Management and Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6301	Corporate Finance	3.00
INAF U6326	Renewable Energy Project Finance Modeling	3.00
INAF U6508	Using Big Data to Develop Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6511	Intro to Infographics and Data Visualization	1.50
INAF U6512	Data Driven Approaches for Campaigns and Advocacy	3.00
INAF U6858	Economics of US Social Policy	1.50
INAF U6889	Impact Measurement # Evaluation for Sustainable Development	3.00
INAF U6891	Impact Evaluations in Practice	1.50
INAF U6892	Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid	3.00
INAF U8195	Behavioral Development Economics	3.00
Non-SIPA Courses		
Courses offered at affiliate Columbia Schools. Please see Cross-Registration instructions to register. Courses not listed must be approved by the DAQA Director. Enrollment is not guaranteed.		
ACTU K5841	Data Science in Finance and Insurance	3.00
QMSS GR5073Q	Machine Learning for the Social Sciences	3.00

Computational and Data Analysis Focus Area

		Points
Advanced Courses		
INAF U6006	Computing in Context	3.00
INAF U6503	Applying Machine Learning	3.00
INAF U6506	Data Science # Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6514	Text as Data	3.00
INAF U6600	Testing Models of Public Policy Making	3.00
INAF U6614	Data Analysis for Policy Research Using R	3.00
PUAF U8516	Time Series Analysis	3.00
SIPA Electives		
INAF U6004	Application Development for Social Impact	1.50
INAF U6005	Generative AI	1.50
INAF U6009	Artificial Intelligence in Public Policy	1.50
INAF U6098	Financial Risk Management and Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6272	Introduction to Data Analytics for Public Policy, Administration, and Management	1.50
INAF U6274	Introduction to Database Design, Management, and Security	1.50
INAF U6275	Geographic Information Systems and Analysis	3.00
INAF U6502	Into to Text Analysis in Python	3.00
INAF U6504	Python for Public Policy	1.50
INAF U6508	Using Big Data to Develop Public Policy	3.00
INAF U6511	Intro to Infographics and Data Visualization	1.50
INAF U6512	Data Driven Approaches for Campaigns and Advocacy	3.00
INAF U6547	Building AI Tools with Large Language Models	1.50
INAF U6593	R for Public Policy	1.50
INAF U6892	Monitoring and Evaluation: Driving Evidence-Based Development and Humanitarian Aid	3.00
INAF U6958	Gender Data for Gender Equality	1.50
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Degree Audit Report

Matriculated students in this program can view their degree audit report on Stellic.