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COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM

23-24 CIC 6  
Monday, November 13, 2023

**TO:** The Academic Senate

**FROM:** Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

**SUBJECT:** 23-24 CIC 6: New Prefix request DATA for Data Science courses

**PURPOSE:** For action by the Academic Senate

**ACTION REQUESTED:** That the Academic Senate approve the use of the DATA prefix for Data Science courses; upon the signature of the President, effective Fall 2024.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Department of Statistics and Biostatistics requested the DATA prefix through the appropriate form on [Curriculog](#). Consistent with the [Policy Guidelines for Requesting New Prefixes \(08-09 CIC 17](#), as amended in [17-18 CIC 20](#)), the name of a degree is an acceptable justification for a new prefix to be granted, and the department is planning to offer a new BS in Data Science in the future. At its meeting on October 30, 2023, the Committee voted by unanimous consent to recommend approval of the request by the Academic Senate.