



# Letter of motivation

## Master programme in Data Science

### How to complete the letter of motivation



1. Download this document and save it on your device (if you have not already done so).
2. Use the free software Adobe Acrobat Reader to open the document.
3. Read the information available in the [study profile of the degree programme](#).
4. Answer all questions in your own words. **Do not use Artificial Intelligence.**
5. Save the document.
6. Upload the completed letter of motivation in u:space at “Further documents and proofs” as document type “Letter of motivation”.

I hereby certify that I filled out the form by myself without any third party help (neither human nor artificial intelligence).

### Part 1: Personal information

Personal data	
Last name:	
First name:	
Date of birth:	Gender:
Citizenship:	
Country of residency:	
E-mail address:	

Results GRE General Test	
Result GRE:	Date of GRE:
Test center:	

### First completed degree programme

Type (BA, MA, PhD, etc.):

Subject area/major: Other:

Thesis title:

Name of the university:

Country of the university:

Graduation date:

Your GPA\*:

Best GPA at institution:

### Second completed degree programme

Type (BA, MA, PhD, etc.):

Subject area/major: Other:

Thesis title:

Name of the university:

Country of the university:

Graduation date:

Your GPA\*:

Best GPA at institution:

\*Optional answer. Your GPA does not have any impact on the decision of the selection committee.

## Part 2: Questionnaire

Answer all of the following questions in your own words. You must stick to the character limit. Longer answers are not possible.

### 1. Why are you interested in the master programme in Data Science in general?

1,000 characters max.

**2. Why are you interested in studying at the University of Vienna? What topics/people/research groups/modules available in Vienna may be of particular interest to you?**

500 characters max.

**3. Are you planning to apply for both master programmes in Data Science and Business Analytics at the same time? If you could choose, which would you prefer and why?**

200 characters max.

**4. What is your personal background/past experience that prepares you for studying Data Science at the University of Vienna (e.g. university courses, professional experience, certificates, voluntary work, ....)? In particular: comment on your background in mathematics, statistics and computer science.**

1,000 characters max.

**5. Imagine the following: You have just graduated from Data Science. What are the five key competencies, skills or mindsets that you have acquired during your studies?**

a):

b):

c):

d):

e):

**6. Imagine the following: You have just graduated from Data Science and you are about to apply for a job. What is the job you are applying for?**

200 characters max.

**7. Why do you want to study Data Science to pursue this career?**

200 characters max.

**8. How would you explain the value of data science to a friend unfamiliar with the field?**

500 characters max.

**9. Describe a data-related problem you encountered in a professional or academic setting and how you solved it.**

500 characters max.

**10. What do you expect will be the biggest challenge in this programme for you and how do you plan to overcome it?**

500 characters max.