

## Data Quality (E018700)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 3.0** **Study time 90 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 1) English Gent

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

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<a href="#">Bridging Programme Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Engineering)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Engineering(main subject Data Analytics)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Engineering (Double Degree)(main subject Data Analytics)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Bioinformatics(main subject Engineering)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Engineering (Double Degree)(main subject Operations Management)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Business Engineering(main subject Operations Management)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Computer Science</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Computer Science Engineering</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Information Engineering Technology</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Exchange Programme in Computer Science (master's level)</a>	3	A
<a href="#">Exchange Programme Information Engineering Technology</a>	3	A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Measurement of data quality, consistency, detection and repair of errors, outlier detection

**Position of the course**

This course is a specialization course in which mechanisms for safeguarding data quality are thought. A first part of the course deals with different methods to measure data quality. A second part studies algorithms that allow to detect and systematically repair errors in data. A third part deals with the problem of deduplication. Next, in a fourth part, the problem of outlier detection is treated and finally, a fifth part will focus on specific quality problems with temporal data.

**Contents**

- Introduction to data quality
- Measurement of data quality: ordinal systems, uncertainty models and cost-based measurement
- Basics of constraint-based formalisms
- Control digits
- Edit rules: error localization, the Fellegi-Holt model, FCF algorithm
- The Chase algorithm for functional dependencies
- Data deduplication: Fellegi-Sunter model, string comparison, merging of duplicate data.
- Outlier detection: distance-based models, pivot index, spatial partitioning, isolation forests
- Data quality in temporal databases: trend decomposition, change detection, currency

**Initial competences**

Basic principles of data structures and relational databases. Basic knowledge of programming.

**Final competences**

- 1 Knowing and understanding the basic techniques for measurement of data quality
- 2 Understanding how consistency can be enforced and being able to apply this
- 3 Understanding how a dataset can be deduplicated
- 4 Understanding how outliers can be found
- 5 Knowing and understanding specific quality problems with temporal data.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Seminar, Lecture

**Study material**

Type: Slides

Name: Slides

Indicative price: € 25

Optional: no

Language : English

Number of Slides : 440

Oldest Usable Edition : None, slides are kept up-to-date on a yearly basis

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : Yes

**References**

- Ton De Waal, Jeroen Pannekoek en Sander Scholtus (2011). Handbook of Statistical Data Editing and Imputation, Wiley
- Wenfei Fan en Floris Geerts (2012). Foundations of Data Quality Management. Morgan & Claypool Publishers.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Exercise classes will be supervised by assistants

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment****Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Periodic evaluation: written open book exam with open questions that measure insights in the concepts of the course

**Calculation of the examination mark**

100% written, open book exam