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Professional Summary

Information Science student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison pursuing a Data Science certificate. Experienced working with Python, SQL, and data visualization tools through academic coursework. Interested in analytics, consulting, and technology-focused business roles.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

Sept 2024 – (Expected) May 2026

Bachelor of Science: Information Science

- Certificate: Data Science
- GPA: 3.15
- Relevant Coursework: Applied Database Design, Artificial Intelligence, Data Storytelling/Visualization, Data Science Modeling

University of Illinois-Chicago | Chicago, IL

Aug 2022 – May 2024

Bachelor of Science: Information and Decision Sciences

- Minor in Finance
- GPA: 3.89, Deans' List (4/4 Semesters)

EXPERIENCE

Classic Cinemas | Oswego, IL

Jun 2021 – Jan 2025

Crew Trainer

- Trained new hires to uphold company standards and abide by their policies.
- Aided customers when needed; provided accommodation to patrons with disabilities (i.e. hard of hearing)
- Counted and compared physical inventory to system records to keep stock accurate and up to date

Wood Dale Fire Department | Wood Dale, IL

Volunteer

- Supported Fire Dept. in organizing annual food and toy drives in the community, benefiting local families
- Assisted with donation collection, organizing and distribution

Involvement Experience

DOTData: Data Science Club | UW-Madison | Madison, WI

Sept 2024 - Present

Member

- Connected with peers studying Data Science, as well as companies to broaden personal network
- Gained and practiced technical skills in various programs from campus faculty and club leaders

Information Systems Society | UW-Madison | Madison, WI

Member

Sept 2024 – Present

- Attended meetings to participate in conversations surrounding the intersection of technology and business

Relevant Projects

CTA Underutilized Routes Analysis | Python, Tableau

- Built a Python ETL pipeline to pull and clean multi-year CTA ridership data via the Chicago Data Portal (Socrata API), identifying post-COVID recovery gaps across bus and rail routes.
- Authored a data-driven policy brief recommending service reallocations and visualized route-level ridership trends in Tableau, communicating technical findings to a non-technical audience.

Reinforcement Learning Agent (FrozenLake Environment) | Python, Gymnasium

- Implemented Value Iteration and Q-Learning algorithms to compute optimal policies in a stochastic gridworld environment
- Trained and evaluated an agent through simulated episodes to achieve target reward performance

Second Spin – Music Analytics & Recommendation Engine | Python, HTML/CSS, API's

- Built a KNN/cosine similarity recommendation engine using Spotify audio features and Last.fm listening history enriched data, backed by a full ETL pipeline with SQLite storage.
- Designed and deployed a handcrafted HTML/CSS/JS frontend on GitHub Pages, including personal album reviews that add editorial depth alongside the ML component.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Python, R, SQL

Tools: Tableau, Jupyter Notebook, RStudio, Excel, Microsoft Access

Libraries & Frameworks: Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, Flask

Databases: MySQL, SQLite, MongoDB