Programme

Qualification awarded
Master of Science

Length of the programme
24 months

ECTS credits
120

Level of qualification
Master

Mode
Full-time

Language
English

School
Institute for Life Science & Technology

Locations
Groningen

Master Data Sciences for the Life Science

Profile of the programme

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The graduate can generalize these methods to apply them in neighboring fields or related problems in new environments.

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Deliver organized solutions (DO)

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Semester 1	30
⬚ Semester 1 Required Optional Subjects	*10*
selection of following courses	
▫ BFVM23PREPDATSC1 - Preparatory Course Datascience 1	*5*
▫ BFVM23PREPPROGR1 - Preparatory Course Programming 1	*5*
▫ BFVM23PREPOMICS - Preparatory Course Omics 1	*5*
⬚ Semester 1 Required Subjects	*20*
▫ BFVM23DATASCNC2 - Data Science 2	*5*
▫ BFVM23PROGRAM2 - Programming 2	*5*
▫ BFVM23RPS - Research & Professional Skills	*10*
Semester 2 Required Subjects	30
▫ BFVM23DATASCNC3 - Data Science 3	*5*
▫ BFVM23PROGRAM3 - Programming 3	*5*
▫ BFVM23DSPH - Data Science for Personal Health	*10*
▫ BFVM23DATASCNC4 - Data Science 4	*5*
▫ BFVM23PROGRAM4 - Programming 4	*5*
Semester 3	30
▫ BFVM23DATASCNC5 - Data Science 5	*5*
▫ BFVM23PROGRAM5 - Programming 5	*5*
▫ BFVM23PRJOMICS - Omics Project: Integromics	*10*
▫ BFVM23DATASCNC6 - Data Science 6	*5*
▫ BFVM23PROGRAM6 - Programming 6	*5*
Graduation	30
▫ BFVM23GRADUATION - Graduation Project	*30*