Frequently asked Questions (FAQ)

1. ### How to apply for this program?

Go to the portal: https://admissions.ge.iitm.ac.in/

(or) https://ge.iitm.ac.in/uob/datascience/index.html and go to tab apply now. Steps are available on this website.

In the above portal kindly register for the program. Please use the login credentials to start your application form and you will be directed to the following sections:

Personal & contact Information, Academic details (10th, 12th, UG, PG details), Program details (Statement of Purpose, track option, language scores, references), Work experience status (if applicable), Upload documents & declaration and Payment sections.

2. ### Eligibility for the program?
* Holders of a Bachelor's degree of three or more years in duration in Engineering/ Science (in a numerate discipline) from a recognized university.
* Holders of Bachelor's degree will normally be expected to have achieved 60% or higher for 2:1 equivalency (1st class).

Students graduating in the current academic year are also eligible to apply. They must provide requisite documents during admission.

Numerate degree refers to essentially having the following skills:

* Anyone who graduated from university with a degree that contains a high concentration of mathematics skills. These degrees include Computer Science, Physics, and Engineering.
* Highly numerate degrees may also include Astrophysics, Data Science, Decision Science, Econometrics, Engineering, Economics, Mathematics, Operational Research, Physics and Statistics.
* You are eligible to apply for this program if your course covers essential mathematical skills.

3. ### English Language criteria

Students who have not completed their degree from a majority speaking English country, as defined by the UKVI will be required to provide evidence of successful completion of a recognised English Language test.

The candidate should meet the either of the criteria A or B

A) The IELTS requirement is 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any band;
(or) TOEFL 88 overall with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing;
(or) Pearson Test of English PTE Academic 67 with no less than 64 in all four skills;
(or) Cambridge English C1 Advanced Minimum overall score of 176, with no less than 169 in any component;
(or) LanguageCert ESOL SELT (UKVI) B2 'Communicator' with no less than 33 in each skill. https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english

B) The equivalencies for this from the Indian Standard XII English are:

80% from ISC, CBSE, and Maharashtra

75% from West Bengal

85% from Other State boards

4. Scholarships

Currently there are no exclusive scholarships for this program. However, our Global Engagement office can provide students with a support letter in case of bank loans.

The tuition fee of the programme already has a substantial discount applied; this is offered as standard to all students accepted onto the programme.

5. Examination

The exam is remote proctored and should have a supporting/conducive environment such as uninterrupted network, webcam for live examination, well-light room etc

Exam Pattern:

You will be evaluated for technical aptitude (50 marks) and general aptitude (10 marks). The duration of the examination is 3 hours.

6. Syllabus

Please refer to the syllabus mentioned in the https://ge.iitm.ac.in/uob/datascience/

7. Accommodation

The students shall be provided with hostel accommodation by CCW office during their stay at IITM on a chargeable basis. https://ccw.iitm.ac.in/

Accommodation at University of Birmingham is on a first come first serve basis. All students of the first cohort successfully applied for and were allocated accommodation in halls of residence. There is a variety of accommodation available. Applications open around November and require a deposit to secure the booking. Information on the type and cost of accommodation can be found here: https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/index.aspx

8. Placements

IITM: The students may appear for the placements at IIT Madras as per the placement and internship guidelines and rules.

University of Birmingham will be able to facilitate all the track 1 students, to connect with networking platform (having industrial connections) at UK, to explore job opportunities.

9. Post work visa at UK

The graduate VISA shall depend on the programme for which the student applies and hence the eligibility. Students on the Birmingham Majority programme will be eligible to apply for the Graduate Visa upon successful completion of the programme in the UK. Students on the IITM Majority programme will not be eligible for the Graduate Visa as these students will remain in the UK for 6 months only. Information on the Graduate Route Visa can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa

10. References

Two references should be provided as indicated in the application form. The recommendation letter from the referee's may be requested if necessary.

11. Documents to be kept ready for applying
   a. Academic transcripts (including all marksheets / degree certificates)
   b. Valid passport is required during the admission period
   c. Work experience (if applicable)
   d. Statement of Purpose
   e. Photograph (passport size)
   f. Identity proof (if applicable)

12. Steps for enrolling into the program
   a. Check the eligibility and submit an online application with necessary documents required for the program
   b. Clear the screening test – online proctored examination
   c. Attend the Interview (only who clears the screening test)
   d. Offer letter & Admission letter
   e. Get admitted into the program