

Before the Session

Preview: Preview the course as a non-credit learner before you enroll.

- This option is open to all students
- Enrolling in a course as a non-credit learner gives you the option to preview course content
- You can upgrade to the for-credit version and pay tuition when you are ready
- The progress you make in the non-credit version will carry over to your for-credit experience
- See our [Admissions](#) page for details

During the Session

Drop/Withdraw: Drop or withdraw from the course.

- To use this option, you must...
 - NOT have accessed restricted for-credit content (usually the final project/exam), *and*
 - NOT yet earned a grade for the course
- Drops do not appear on your transcript or affect your GPA. Withdrawals appear as a “W” on your transcript but do not affect your GPA.
- See *Drop and Withdraw* section of the [Current Students](#) page for details

After the Session

Course Repetition: Repeat the course for an additional grade.

- You can repeat as many courses as you want
- You can only repeat each for-credit MS-DS course ONE time (2 total attempts per course); attempts that result in a “W” (withdrawal) do not count toward your 2 attempts
- You will earn an additional grade; your new grade will *not* replace your previous grade
- Your cumulative GPA (and pathway GPA if applicable) will include your original grade and new grade for the course
- You must earn a “C” or better in *every* course in your pathway to earn admission to the degree
- See the [Student Handbook](#) for details

Grade Replacement: Repeat the course for a completely new grade.

- To use this option, you must...
 - Have earned a C+ or lower on your first attempt
 - Be an admitted MS-DS degree student (i.e., you have already passed your pathway and earned admission to the degree) before retaking the course
 - Submit a Grade Replacement Request Form during the enrollment window
 - Avoid accessing restricted content until your request is approved
- Your original grade and your new grade will appear on your transcript, but only the last attempt will be calculated in your cumulative GPA and credit totals
- You can use this option to replace up to six credits in your cumulative GPA calculation
- Courses taken as DTSA 5900 are not eligible for replacement
- See the [Student Handbook](#) for details

Different Pathway: Pursue a different pathway to earn degree admission.

- If you are currently pursuing the Data Structures & Algorithms pathway, you can pursue the Statistical Inference for Data Science pathway instead (or vice versa)
- You will still need a cumulative 3.00 GPA to earn admission to the degree, regardless of which pathway you choose
- See the [Student Handbook](#) for details

Worried about your course grade? Check out these options!



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