

# **Computational Data Science Program**

## **Course outline**

### **Big Data Analytics and Visualization (5 ECTS)**

#### Core Concepts of Big Data

- What is Big Data?
- Evolution of Big Data
- Why Big Data?
- Characteristics of Big Data
- Applications of Big Data

#### Big Data Analytics

- What is big data analytics?
- Data analytics: Key concepts
- Descriptive, Diagnostic, Predictive and Prescriptive Analytics
- Data Warehouse Architecture
- Technologies used in Big Data analytics

#### Big Data with Hadoop

- The core modules of Hadoop
- Hadoop MapReduce
- Hadoop YARN

#### Big Data with Spark

- Spark jobs and APIs
- Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDD)
- PySpark with DataFrames
- Prepare Data for Modeling using PySpark

#### Big Data Visualization for Decision Making

- Manipulating geographic data using GeoPandas

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