

Digital Society Master Major (90 ECTS credits)

2026/27

Teaching units by semester: Fall 2026

Module DSS 1

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Digital Transformation of Society

All courses of DSS 1 are offered once per academic year (either autumn or spring semester).
You must successfully complete all of them during your studies.

Foundation of Informatics

Monday 10:15-12:00

Dr. Luis Teran

UE-SDN.00002, course

Digital Transformation in Society and Culture

Tuesday 16:15-17:45

Prof. Dr. Anna Jobin + invited experts

UE-L26.00213, course/public lecture series

Social History of Computing and the Internet

Thursday 15:15-17:00

Prof. Dr. David Bozzini

UE-L26.00211, course

Methods in Studies of the Digital Society (MSDS)

Thursday 10:15-12:00

Dr. Anna Jobin

UE-L26.00214, seminar

Module DSS 2

Theories and Case Studies

The course offer of DSS 2 is specific to every academic year. You must successfully complete three courses during your studies, out of which at least one seminar + seminar paper. Recommended course offers are marked as such.

Law and the Digital Society (recommended)

Tuesday 13:15-15:00

Dr. Mark Drenhaus

UE-L26.00282, seminar (optional seminar paper: UE-L26.00302)

Persuasion and digital mobilization

Monday 10:15-12:00

Prof. Dr. Alexandra Feddersen

UE-EKM.01405, lecture

Current Topics in Digital Neuroscience

Tuesday 10:15-12:00

Prof. Dr. Michael Schmid

UE-SDN.00003, course

From information to data: introduction to research information systems for historical and social sciences

Thursday 15:15-17:00

Dr. Francesco Beretta

UE-L15.02423, seminar + seminar paper

Comment les plateformes et l'ubérisation changent nos modes de vie [in French]

Thursday 13:15-15:00

Prof. Dr. Muriel Surdez

UE-L37.00927, seminar (optional seminar paper: UE-L37.00928)

Insights into DH (University of Bern) [partly in German]

Monday 14:15-17:45

Prof. Dr. Tobias Hodel

BeNeFri, lecture series/workshop

Travail et marchés à l'ère numérique (University of Neuchâtel) [in French]

Monday 14:15-16:00

Prof. Dr. Philip Balsiger, Prof. Dr. Núria Sánchez-Mira

BeNeFri

Other lectures and seminars may be admitted on a case by case basis please contact the study advisor

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Module DSS 3

Methods, Skills and Applications

The course offer of DSS 3 is specific to every academic year. During your studies, you must successfully complete a lecture or seminar, individualized digital skills workshops, the personalised science-practice link, and write a seminar paper related to one of these.

Please discuss your options and specific modalities of this module with the study advisor.

Digital Methods: Participatory research in platform studies (recommended)

Spring semester

UE-L26.00372 (optional seminar paper: UE-L26.00373)

Data Analysis + Visualisation

Wednesday, 15:15-17:00

Prof. Dr. Tobias Rohrbach

UE-EKM.01489, exercises

Science-practice-link

please contact the study advisor

upon individual agreement

UE-L26.00299

Other lectures and seminars may be admitted on a case by case basis please contact the study advisor

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Module DSS 4

Digital Society in the Making: Analyses and Debates

The course offer of DSS 4 is specific to every academic year. You must successfully complete two courses during your studies, out of which at least one seminar + seminar paper, and the Master colloquium.

Democracy, media, and technology

Monday 10:15-12:00

Prof. Dr. Regula Hänggli Fricker

UE-EKM.00957, lecture

Introduction to Digital Humanities (University of Bern)

Tuesday 10:15-12:00

Prof. Dr. Tobias Hodel

BeNeFri, lecture

Strategic Digital Communication: AI-Influencers & Synthetic Idiocy

Tue & Wed (irregular)
check timetable

Prof. Dr. Laura Illia

UE-EKM.01307, seminar (optional seminar paper: UE-EKM.01308)

Master colloquium

Tue 13:15-15:00 (4 dates)
check timetable

Prof. Dr. David Bozzini, Prof. Dr. Anna Jobin

UE-L26.00298

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