



# "Data in the disciplines" Curricula development at Bielefeld University

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## Agenda

**Literacies for the Digital Age** 

## The DatKom project at Bielefeld University

- The organizational perspective
- The teaching perspective

Data literacy education as a joint task





## Literacies for the Digital Age

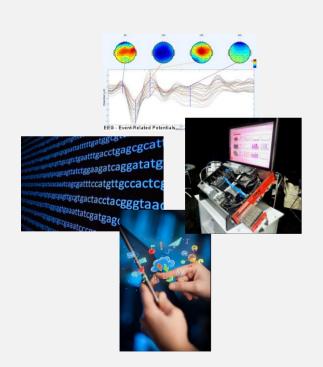


Or are they just new terms for old competencies?



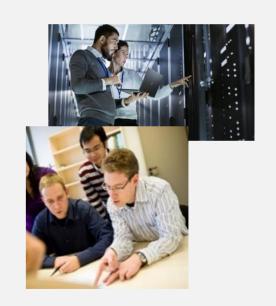


## Literacies for the Digital Age





## **Shaping Digital Transformation**



Understanding and using technologies and data



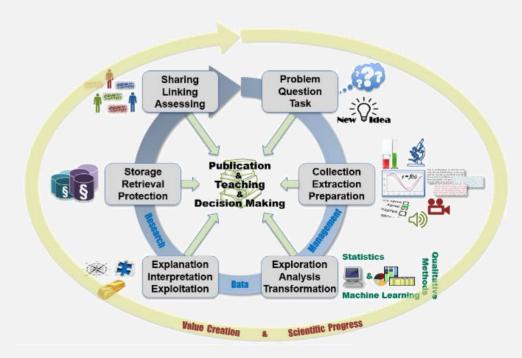


## What is Data Literacy?

"Data literacy is the ability to collect, manage, evaluate and apply data in a critical manner." Ridsdale, et al. (2016)

Data literacy is a future skill in all sectors and all disciplines.

Data literacy is a prerequisite for active citizenship.







## Why do we need Data Literacy?

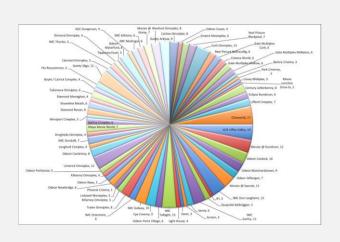


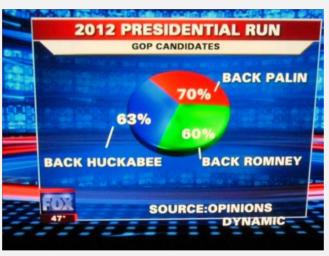
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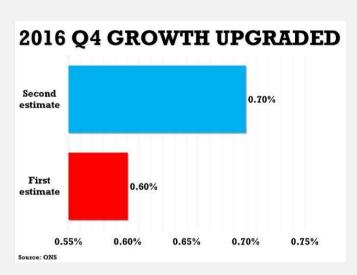




## Why do we need Data Literacy?







Individuals have to be empowered to responsibly handle data...

...and to understand information derived from data



Conceptual Competencies



**Core Competencies** 

Advanced Competencies

Data Literacy Skills and Competencies

Conceptual Framework	Introduction to data
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Data Collection	Data Discovery and Collection
	Evaluating Qualitiy of Data and Sources

Data Management	Data Organisation
	Data Manipulation
	Data Conversion
	Metadata Creation and Use
	Data Curation, Security and Re-Use
	Data Preservation

	Data Tools
	Basic Data Analytics
	Data Interpretation (Understanding Data)
Data Evaluation	Identifying Problems Using
	Data Visualization
	Data Presentation (verbally)
	Data Driven Decision Making

Data Application	Critical Thinking
	Data Culture
	Data Ethics
	Data Citation
	Data Sharing
	Evaluation Decisions based on Data





# Data Literacy Skills and Competencies



# (A) Establish a data culture (B) Provide data (C) Analyze data System (F) Derive action (E) Interpret data (D) Interpret results

Remove context

6 fields of competence

Add context





## How can we teach Data Skills?



Raise awareness for data competencies at an **early stage** 



Emerging teaching approaches



Iterative, project based learning with complementary skills integrated



Increasing engagement with the content by using **real** world data



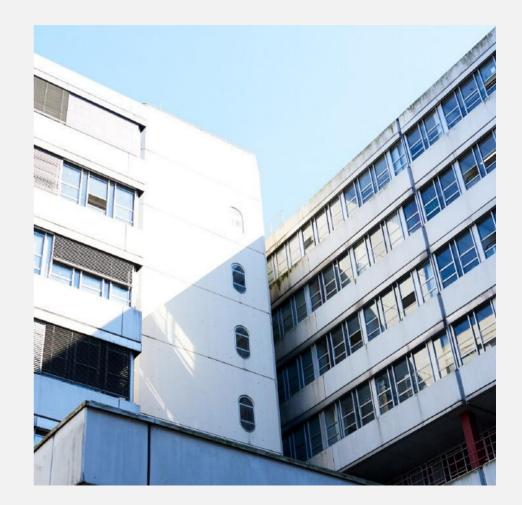


**collaboration** between educators, organizations, and institutions to ensure goals are being met by all stakeholders





# The DatKom Project at Bielefeld University





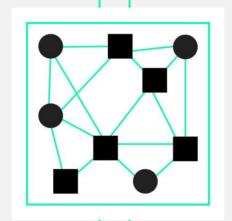


## Vision of the DatKom Project

## **Data Literacy Education**

## Integrate data-competencies into the curricula of all degree courses

- Discipline specific courses
- Interdisciplinary courses
- Sustainable educational (online-) resources



#### Data Awareness

Raise and sharpen awareness for data and datacompetencies throughout Bielefeld University

- Events
- Exchange





## Vision of the DatKom Project



Make Data Literacy Education an integral part of the curriculum for every student at Bielefeld University

**Projectcoordinator** 

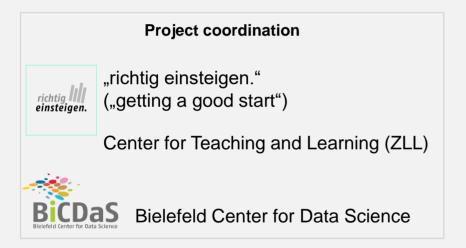


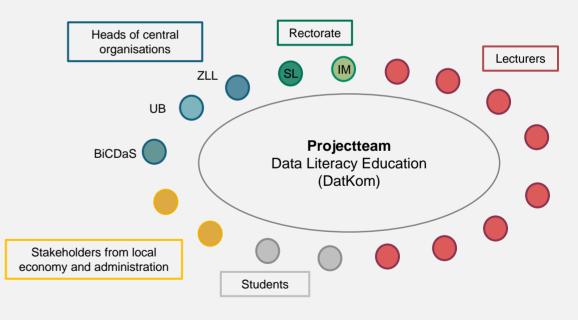
~ 25.000 students 118 degree programs





## Organization is everything...









# How can we reach as many students as possible?

### Bielefeld University's study model:

- Standard module sizes (10 CPs) -> share or exchange teaching units between subjects and across degree programs
- General examination regulations for all the university's degree programs
- Elective Module -> 30 CPs for Bachelor students, 20 CPs for Master students

#### **Development of a novel Elective Module:**

### Input:

- 6 lecturers (Educational Sciences, History, Sociology, Buisiness Administration, Data Science)
- Administration
- 4 months

Output: ...





## **Data Literacy Module**

# "Data Literacy – cultural technology of the 21st century"

- Winter term 2019/20
- Elective Module
  - 10 CPS
- Faculty of Educational Science

Big Data is watching you!

How to deal with data in the modern world.

#### Lecture series & tutorials

Data Literacy for all students from an interdisciplinary perspective

- I. The role of data in the modern world
- II. How do we face data?
- III. Transformation of data into knowledge

# Connecting courses (different faculties)

Selectable courses
Hands-on
Project-based

Analysis tools
Programming languages
Visualisation and presentation





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## Part I The role of data in the modern world

The data based perspective

From idea to data - part I

From idea to data - part II

Data-based decision making - experts from local economy and administration\*

\*Invited Speakers
\*\*Tutorials

## Part II How do we face data?

Data management (quantitative focus)

Data management (qualitative focus)

Data protection and data ethics\*

## Part III Transformation of data into knowledge

Explorative data analysis with R

Tools for data analysis

Tutorial for data analysis with R\*\*

Data modeling (quantitative focus)

Tutorial for data analysis with R\*\*

Data Science-Toolbox

Data modeling (qualitative focus)

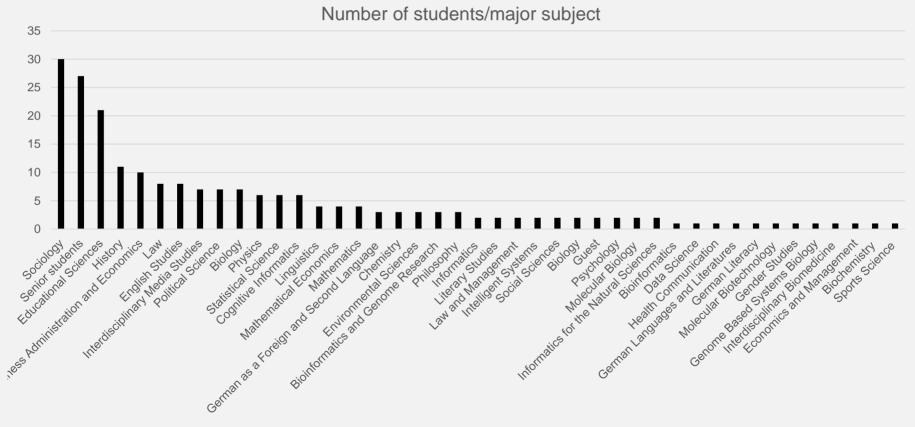
Machine Learning\*





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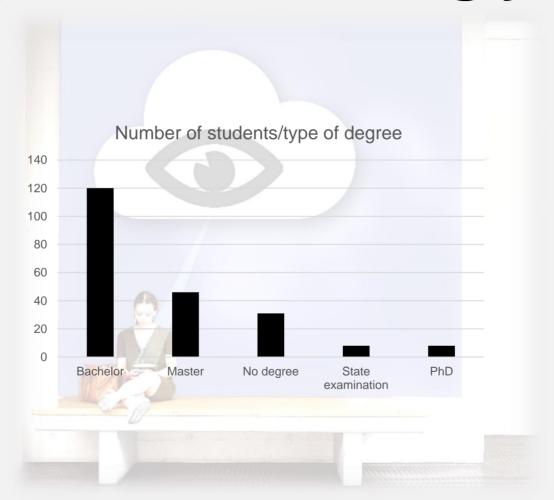
213 registered participants 42 different major subjects







# Big data is watching you!







## **Curricular integration**

**#History #Physics #Sociology** 

Establishing Data Literacy as a goal for teaching and learning

## **Development of (discipline-specific) concepts:**

- Which are the key data competencies for which discipline?
- How can these competencies fit into existing curricula?
- Which requirements have to be met (i.e. training, infrastructure)?
- Evaluate if basic data courses can be opened for students of other disciplines
- Exchange for teachers





## **Quality Fund for Teaching**

Internal call for proposals for innovative teaching concept (up to 5.000 €/concept)

Summer term 2019 and winter term 2019/2020: call for concepts to support literal, mathematical and data competencies

-> The majority of proposals has a clear focus on data literacy education

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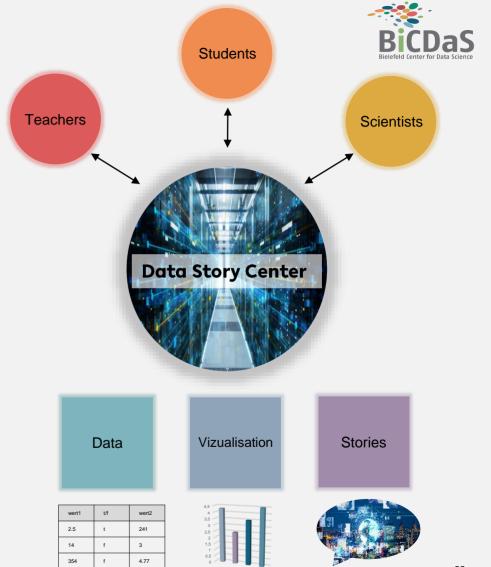
## **Data Story Center**

Find, share and understand data

Web portal for students, teachers and scientists

Resource for real world data

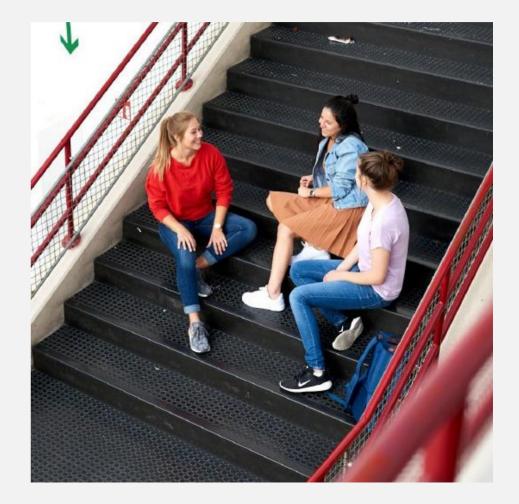
Case studies for analysis, visualisation and interpretation of different types of data







# Data Literacy Education as a Joint Task







## **Data Literacy Education.nrw**





## State funding program





















## DataLiteracySkills@OWL



## Aims of the concept:







- 1. Raising Data Awareness
- Developing and anchoring data competencies as a subject in teaching and learning for all disciplines
- 3. Paving the way for lecturers
- 4. Developing a corporate data literacy education framework as a basis for an OWL-wide data literacy certificate

Data Literacy Skills for science, economy and society in OWL and beyond





## Conclusion

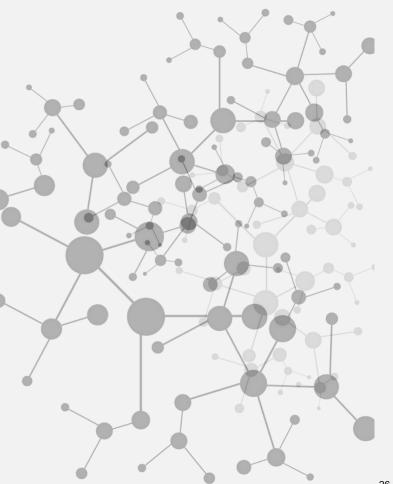
The Digital Turn is cause and consequence for novel skills and competencies...

...but how can we implement them?

Develop strategies to bring these competencies into the curricula

Bring together stakeholders, foster interdisciplinarity

Overcome borders to learn from each other and join forces







## Thank you!



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