

COMP6380: Machine Intelligence

Callaghan

Semester 1 - 2023



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OVERVIEW

Course Description This course provides an introduction and overview of important concepts and applications in the fields of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (AI). With the availability of fast computers, machine intelligence methods have found widespread applications in areas such as in Big Data and Autonomous Robots. This course will explore some of them, including systems where machine intelligence methods led to significant advancements, often surprising solutions, and sometimes triumphal success.

Requisites This course has similarities to COMP3330. If you have successfully completed COMP3330 you cannot enrol in this course.

Assumed Knowledge The assumed knowledge is equivalent to that of a completed 2nd year Bachelor of Computer Science or a similar degree and should include: basic statistics and mathematics, including mean, standard deviation, vectors, dot product, hyperplanes, basic multivariable calculus, sets and basic first order logic. It also includes some basic programming skills in a language such as Python, Matlab, Java, C# or C/C++. The course will provide a brief mathematics workshop and a quick introduction to Python to refresh some of the assumed knowledge.

Contact Hours
Callaghan
Computer Lab
Face to Face On Campus
2 hour(s) per Week for Full Term
It is highly recommended to attend all lectures and labs.
Lecture
Face to Face On Campus
2 hour(s) per Week for Full Term

Unit Weighting Workload 10
Students are required to spend on average 120-140 hours of effort (contact and non-contact) including assessments per 10 unit course.

COURSE OUTLINE

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SYLLABUS

Course Content

1. Artificial Neural Networks and Deep Learning
2. Support Vector Machines
3. Autonomous Robots
4. Search and Prediction in Games
5. Evolutionary Algorithms
6. Automated Reasoning and Logic
7. Aspects of Advanced Machine Learning

Course Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Critically reflect on ethics, opportunities and risks of current and future developments of Machine Learning and AI.
2. Explain central concepts of Machine Learning and AI.
3. Analyse a given task or data and select suitable Machine Learning and AI methods for processing.
4. Implement relevant code or apply standard libraries for Machine Learning and AI to selected tasks.
5. Produce detailed reports and presentations suitable to support research or business decision-making.

Course Materials

Recommended Reading:

- Russell, S. and Norvig, P.: Artificial Intelligence - A Modern Approach. Third Edition, Prentice Hall 2010.
- An extended list of recommended texts is provided on Canvas.

Required Reading:

- Required weekly readings are listed on Canvas.
- Lecture Materials: Lecture materials will be posted on Canvas.

COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

In order to pass this course, each student must complete ALL of the following compulsory requirements:

Contact Hour Requirements:

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Course Assessment Requirements:

- Assessment 3 - Quiz: Minimum Grade / Mark Requirement - Students must obtain a specified minimum grade / mark in this assessment item to pass the course. Students whose overall mark in the course is 50% or more, but who score less than 40% in the compulsory item and thus fail to demonstrate the required proficiency, will be awarded a Criterion Fail grade, which will show as FF on their formal transcript. However, students in this position who have scored at least 25% in the compulsory assessment item will be allowed to undertake a supplementary 'capped' assessment in which they can score at most 50% of the possible mark for that item.

Pre-Placement Requirements:

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ASSESSMENTS

This course has 3 assessments. Each assessment is described in more detail in the sections below.

	Assessment Name	Due Date	Involvement	Weighting	Learning Outcomes
1	Project	24 May (5 pm)	Group	35%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2	Written Assignment	5 April (5 pm)	Individual	25%	1, 2, 3
3	Quiz (multi component)*	13 March, 3 April, 8 May, 29 May	Individual	40%	1, 2, 3

* This assessment has a compulsory requirement.

Late Submissions

The mark for an assessment item submitted after the designated time on the due date, without an approved extension of time, will be reduced by 10% of the possible maximum mark for that assessment item for each day or part day that the assessment item is late. Note: this applies equally to week and weekend days.

Assessment 1 - Project

Assessment Type

Project

Purpose

The project will assess your capacity to work in a team with other students to undertake planning, data preparation, running of computer simulation experiments, as well as their evaluation, critical analysis, and documentation.

Description

You will work on an advanced machine learning project, demonstrate the outcomes, evaluate the results and discuss them critically. You are expected to produce and submit a group report based on the experimentation and evaluation of your project solutions. It is expected that you work on the project in a group of 2-5 students. Details will be provided on Canvas.

Weighting

35%

Length

8-14 pages excluding Appendix

Due Date

24 May (5 pm)

Submission Method

Online

Assessment Criteria

See Canvas

Return Method Not Returned
Feedback Provided Online - .

Assessment 2 - Written Assignment

Assessment Type Written Assignment
Purpose The written assignment will assess your capacity to work on an introductory machine learning problem and produce and articulate concise documents which convey evidence-based understanding of the concepts and topics involved.
Description You will work on an introductory machine learning project that performs classification with ANNs and SVMs on selected tasks in computer simulation experiments. You will be required to document the experiments and record your experimental findings in the style of a technical report or paper. This is an individual assignment to be completed by yourself. Details will be provided on Canvas.
Weighting 25%
Length 6-12 pages excluding Appendix
Due Date 5 April (5 pm)
Submission Method Online
Assessment Criteria See Canvas
Return Method Not Returned
Feedback Provided Online - .

Assessment 3 - Quiz (multi component)

Assessment Type Quiz
Purpose This multi-component quiz is designed to examine the individual student's knowledge of the course material and their ability to describe, analyse and hypothesise from this material.
Description The quiz can comprise several components that can be run during the semester. For example, there can be four 60 min quizzes of 10% weight that all have the format of online multiple-choice exams. In total the sum of all quiz components will have a weighting of 40% and correspond to an exam.
Weighting 40%
Compulsory Requirements Minimum Grade / Mark Requirement - Students must obtain a specified minimum grade / mark in this assessment item to pass the course..
Length 14-16 questions
Due Date Quiz 1: 13 March, Quiz 2: 3 April, Quiz 3: 8 May, Quiz 4: 29 May
Start between 11 am and 9 pm; 60 minutes to complete once started
Submission Method Online
Assessment Criteria Multiple choice exam
Return Method Not Returned
Feedback Provided No Feedback - .
Opportunity to Reattempt Students WILL be given the opportunity to reattempt this assessment. Refer to course outline for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assessment Data Collection In 2024, the Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Software Engineering, Master of Cyber Security, and Master of Information Technology will undergo Australian Computer Society accreditation. As part of this process, we are required to collect a range of assessments for the accreditation panel to examine, the objective of which is to demonstrate educational rigour across all courses. In Semester 1, 2023 we will collect sample scripts from each and every assessment task, across the full spectrum of marks. This can apply to any student enrolled in the course, irrespective of the program where they are enrolled. The assessments will be provided to the panel but not de-identified, and the panel members must sign a confidentiality agreement. If you object to your assessment being retained with your name associated, please indicate this on the submission, and if retained, we will de-identify your paper. We will destroy all papers at the completion of the accreditation process.

This course is graded as follows:

Grading Scheme	Range of Marks	Grade	Description

85-100	High Distinction (HD)	Outstanding standard indicating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of an outstanding level of academic achievement; mastery of skills*; and achievement of all assessment objectives.
75-84	Distinction (D)	Excellent standard indicating a very high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of a very high level of academic ability; sound development of skills*; and achievement of all assessment objectives.
65-74	Credit (C)	Good standard indicating a high level of knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of a high level of academic achievement; reasonable development of skills*; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
50-64	Pass (P)	Satisfactory standard indicating an adequate knowledge and understanding of the relevant materials; demonstration of an adequate level of academic achievement; satisfactory development of skills*; and achievement of all learning outcomes.
0-49	Fail (FF)	Failure to satisfactorily achieve learning outcomes. If all compulsory course components are not completed the mark will be zero. A fail grade may also be awarded following disciplinary action.

*Skills are those identified for the purposes of assessment task(s).

Communication Methods

Communication methods used in this course include:

- Canvas Course Site: Students will receive communications via the posting of content or announcements on the Canvas course site.
- Email: Students will receive communications via their student email account.
- Face to Face: Communication will be provided via face to face meetings or supervision.

Course Evaluation

Each year feedback is sought from students and other stakeholders about the courses offered in the University for the purposes of identifying areas of excellence and potential improvement.

Oral Interviews (Vivas)

As part of the evaluation process of any assessment item in this course an oral examination (viva) may be conducted. The purpose of the oral examination is to verify the authorship of the material submitted in response to the assessment task. The oral examination will be conducted in accordance with the principles set out in the [Oral Examination \(viva\) Procedure](#). In cases where the oral examination reveals the assessment item may not be the student's own work the case will be dealt with under the [Student Conduct Rule](#).

Academic Misconduct

All students are required to meet the academic integrity standards of the University. These standards reinforce the importance of integrity and honesty in an academic environment. Academic Integrity policies apply to all students of the University in all modes of study and in all locations. For the Student Academic Integrity Policy, refer to <https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=35>.

Adverse Circumstances

The University acknowledges the right of students to seek consideration for the impact of allowable adverse circumstances that may affect their performance in assessment item(s). Applications for special consideration due to adverse circumstances will be made using the online Adverse Circumstances system where:

1. the assessment item is a major assessment item; or
2. the assessment item is a minor assessment item and the Course Co-ordinator has specified in the Course Outline that students may apply the online Adverse Circumstances system;
3. you are requesting a change of placement; or
4. the course has a compulsory attendance requirement.

Before applying you must refer to the Adverse Circumstance Affecting Assessment Items Procedure available at:

<https://policies.newcastle.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=236>

Important Policy Information

The Help button in the Canvas Navigation menu contains helpful information for using the Learning Management System. Students should familiarise themselves with the policies and procedures at <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/no-room-for/policies-and-procedures> that support a safe and respectful environment at the University.

Other Information

Attendance and/or Other Class Requirements

Students are strongly advised to attend lectures and labs in order to gain a full understanding of the theoretical and practical skills required in this discipline. We have observed during the past years a marked correlation on performance and attendance to classes.

There are several reasons that compel us to motivate you to attend classes. If you attend you can ask questions and participate in the class discussions. There may be material additional to the Canvas notes which be delivered in lectures. It is also clear for us that students who miss lectures or labs may not be able to satisfactorily complete assessment items/exams and may fail the course.

Group Work

Assessment 1 will be completed as group work in a small team. Students will have to submit a statement that explains the structure of their group and their individual contribution. Details on teamsize, individual alternatives, marking guides and group management will be provided on Canvas. If you have any questions please email the course coordinator.

COVID-19 adjustments

Most parts of the course material are available in a study-from-home version. This includes recorded short lectures, video guides, pdf versions of the lecture slides and associated lab material for self-study. We plan to record any new face-to-face lectures and to allow for online viewing. To be successful in the course it is necessary to be in regular contact with the teaching team and the class. If COVID-19 allows this is best achieved in our face-to-face lectures and labs. Alternatively, it is possible to interact in associated Zoom sessions.

GRADUATE PROFILE STATEMENTS

The following table illustrates how this course contributes towards building the skills students will need to work in their profession.

Level of capability

- Level 1 indicates an introduction to a topic at a university level
- Levels 2 and 3 indicate progressive reinforcement of that topic
- Level 4 indicates skills commensurate with a graduate – entry to professional practice
- Level 5 indicates highly specialist or professional ability

Master of Information Technology

	University of Newcastle Master of Information Technology Graduate Profile Statement	Taught	Practised	Assessed	Level of capability
1	The ability to identify and analyse complex problems within information technology and design solutions to the problems at a highly skilled level	X	X	X	5
2	A depth of technical expertise in at least one facet of information technology sufficient for a career in information technology together with the capacity to continue developing relevant knowledge, skills, and expertise throughout their	X	X	X	4

	careers				
3	The ability to manage projects in aspects of information technology relevant to their field of study, including the ability to develop, manage and participate at all levels in team environments	X			4
4	An understanding of professionalism and ethics in the context of the global information technology industry	X			4
5	The ability to communicate effectively through a range of verbal, written and/or presentation skills at an advanced level	X	X	X	4
6	The ability to apply their knowledge and skills to plan and execute a substantial capstone experience or a research-based project and/or piece of scholarship.	X	X	X	4

This course outline was approved by the Head of School. No alteration of this course outline is permitted without Head of School approval. If a change is approved, students will be notified and an amended course outline will be provided in the same manner as the original.

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