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# COMP 551 Applied Machine Learning (4 credits)

Offered by: Computer Science ([Faculty of Science \(/study/2022-2023/faculties/science/\)](#))

## Overview

Computer Science (Sci) : Selected topics in machine learning and data mining, including clustering, neural networks, support vector machines, decision trees. Methods include feature selection and dimensionality reduction, error estimation and empirical validation, algorithm design and parallelization, and handling of large data sets. Emphasis on good methods and practices for deployment of real systems.

**Terms: Fall 2022, Winter 2023**

Instructors: Li, Yue (Fall) Rabbany, Reihaneh (Winter)

- Prerequisite(s): [MATH 323 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/math-323/\)](#) or [ECSE 205 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/ecse-205/\)](#) or [ECSE 305 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/ecse-305/\)](#) or equivalent
- Restriction(s): Not open to students who have taken or are taking [COMP 451 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/comp-451/\)](#). Not open to students who have taken or are taking [ECSE 551 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/ecse-551/\)](#).
- Some background in Artificial Intelligence is recommended, e.g. [COMP-424 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/comp-424/\)](#) or [ECSE-526 \(/study/2022-2023/courses/ecse-526/\)](#), but not required.

*This course may be used as a required or complementary course in the following programs:*

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[Bachelor of Arts \(B.A.\) - Major Concentration Statistics \(/https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2022-2023/faculties/arts/undergraduate/programs/bachelor-arts-ba-major-concentration-statistics/\)](#)

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Concentration Statistics](#)  
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[Bachelor of Engineering  
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(B.Eng.) - Honours Electrical  
Engineering  
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Bachelor of Engineering  
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Artificial Intelligence (22-25  
credits)  
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Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) -  
Honours Probability and  
Statistics  
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[Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) Quantitative Life Sciences](https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2022-2023/faculties/interfaculty/graduate/programs/doctor-philosophy-phd-quantitative-life-sciences)  
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Computer Science \(Non-  
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Computer Science \(Thesis\)](https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2022-2023/faculties/science/graduate/programs/master-science-msc-computer-science-thesis)  
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