

Good Morning Dr. [Name],

We are writing to ask you a big favor.

Our team is in great need of a large number of course syllabi for the project we are working on in our Computer Science 74 (Machine Learning and Statistical Analysis) course.

In our project we use advanced machine learning techniques to see if there exists a relationship between the format and rhetoric of a given course syllabus and the corresponding median grade.

We are able to scrape from the web a sufficient number of posted median grades but only a few of the corresponding syllabi. We have quickly realized that our current syllabi collection techniques are not only a very slow, but also not representative of the full amount of data available (i.e. not all departments may be represented in this analysis).

We were hoping that your department might be able to provide a database containing additional course syllabi, or forward this request on to your faculty.

Any help would be greatly appreciated, and of course any data received would not be shared outside of us without first explicitly asking permission.

Sincerely,  
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