## IProML: Introduction to Programming and Machine Learning in Python, 2022

**Syllabus**

**Course responsible:**

Andrea Vandin, [andrea.vandin@santannapisa.it](mailto:andrea.vandin@santannapisa.it) <https://www.santannapisa.it/en/andrea-vandin>

Daniele Licari, [daniele.licari@santannapisa.it](mailto:daniele.licari@santannapisa.it) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/daniele-licari/>

**Language:** English

**Duration:**

Module 1 16h, From 20/04/2022 to 16/05/2022

Module 2 14h, From 20/05/2022 to 13/06/2022

**Description:**

The course introduces students to programming, data analytics and the basis of machine learning, using python as a reference language.

* Module 1 introduces students to the fundamental principles of ‘good’ programming with basic applications to data processing. The module starts from basic notions of programming (variables, data types, collections, control & repetition structures, functions & modules, object-oriented programming), up to medium-complex data processing functionalities (loading, manipulation, and visualization of CSV/online data).
* Module 2 introduces the students to the components of typical data analysis processes and machine learning pipelines. It first builds the necessary toolset by introducing popular Python libraries for data manipulation/visualization (NumPy, Pandas, Seaborn, scikit-learn), applied to simple applications. The toolset is then applied to a more complex case study on the classification of benign and malignant breast cancer, including aspects of data preprocessing, dimensionality reduction, clustering, and classification. The module concludes by presenting KNIME, a popular python-integrated workflow-based language for data analysis.

A student who has met the objectives of the course will acquire an understanding of the issues and tasks involved in ‘good’ computer programming and data analysis, to be able to make informed decisions. The student will be able to write python programs of various nature, with a focus on complex data analysis and predictive tasks.

**Prerequisites:** No prerequisites for Module 1, while Module 2 requires knowledge of computer programming (possibly obtained attending Module 1).

**Materials:**

The course makes extensive use of online repositories and game-based e-learning platforms to

* [GitHub Wiki (website)](https://github.com/EMbeDS-education/SNS-IProML2122/wiki): collect slides, coding examples, datasets, and further course material
* [Colab](https://colab.research.google.com/): distribute and automatically provide feedback for weekly coding assignments
* [Kahoot](https://kahoot.com/): perform online quizzes to monitor the learning process

Suggested books are:

* Learning Python, M. Lutz
* Python for Data Analysis, W. McKinney
* Statistics and Machine Learning in Python, E.Duchesnay, T.Löfstedt, F.Younes

We will use **python** as the programming language and statistical software of choice for the course.

**Evaluation:**

Students can attend single modules. These are ‘attività trasversali’, hence there will not be an exam, but an attendance certificate (attestazione di presenza) with mandatory attendance of at least 80%.

**Attendance:**

The course will likely be conducted remotely.

**Tentative Schedule:**

## Module 1 – 16 hours

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Class** | **Topic** | **Date** | **Time** |
| 1 | Course Introduction  Console I/O & Variables | Wed 20/04 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 2 | Data types & Operations | Fri 22/04 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 3 | Collections  First plots  *Practicum* | Wed 27/04 | 17:00-20:00 |
| 4 | Control statements  CSV manipulation on COVID19 data  *Practicum* | Mon 02/05 | 17:00-20:00 |
| 5 | Functions  Application to epidemiological models | Fri 06/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 6 | Creation of word clouds from online news  Modules | Mon 09/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 7 | Exceptions  OOP | Mon 16/05 | 17:00-19:00 |

## Module 2 – 14 hours

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Class** | **Topic** | **Date** | **Time** |
| 1 | Course & Project introduction  Advanced Python IDEs (JuPyteR, Google Colab)  Advanced libraries for data manipulation: NumPy | Fri 20/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 2 | Advanced libraries for data manipulation: Pandas 1  Application to official Italian COVID'19 data  Application to Yahoo! Finance stock prices | Mon 23/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 3 | Advanced libraries for data manipulation: Pandas 2  Application to Yahoo! Finance stock prices  Application to official Italian COVID'19 data  First Exploratory Data Analysis tasks on the Titanic dataset | Fri 27/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 4 | Data pre-processing  Application to breast cancer diagnosis | Mon 30/05 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 5 | Unsupervised ML  Application to breast cancer diagnosis | Mon 06/06 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 6 | Supervised ML  Application to breast cancer diagnosis | Fri 10/06 | 17:00-19:00 |
| 7 | KNIME a graphical language for complex data analysis | Mon 13/06 | 17:00-19:00 |