

# Syllabus

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## 1 Logistics

Class: CS 6301.503.19S Special Topics in Computer Science – Convolutional Neural Networks  
Link: <https://coursebook.utdallas.edu/search/searchresults/cs6301.503.19s>  
Location: Mon and Wed from 5:30 – 6:45 pm in CR 1.202  
Office hrs: TBA  
TA: TBA

## 2 Description

Description: This course provides an introduction to neural network variants (xNNs) including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and attention based models. The course is motivated by the realization that many information extraction problems can be reduced to a classification or regression problem and neural networks are universal approximators. Network design and training methods are discussed along with software and hardware requirements for high performance implementations. Theory and implementation are demonstrated and expanded on in the context of applications.

Outline:     Math            – linear algebra, algorithms, probability, calculus and analysis  
             Networks        – design, training and implementation  
             Applications    – vision, language, speech and games

Objectives: Course learning objectives include:

1. Ability to design xNNs
2. Ability to train xNNs
3. Ability to implement xNNs
4. Ability to apply xNNs to applications including vision, language, speech and games

References: No required book to purchase, links to open source materials will be provided.

### 3 Plan

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|---------------|------------------|
| 01 Mon Aug 19 | Introduction     |
| 02 Wed Aug 21 | Linear algebra   |
| 03 Mon Aug 26 | Linear algebra   |
| 04 Wed Aug 28 | Algorithms       |
| 00 Mon Sep 02 | Labor day        |
| 05 Wed Sep 04 | Probability      |
| 06 Mon Sep 09 | Probability      |
| 07 Wed Sep 11 | Calculus         |
| 08 Mon Sep 16 | Calculus         |
| 09 Wed Sep 18 | Analysis         |
| 10 Mon Sep 23 | Design           |
| 11 Wed Sep 25 | Design           |
| 12 Mon Sep 30 | Design           |
| 13 Wed Oct 02 | Test 1: math     |
| 14 Mon Oct 07 | Training         |
| 15 Wed Oct 09 | Training         |
| 16 Mon Oct 14 | Implementation   |
| 17 Wed Oct 16 | Implementation   |
| 18 Mon Oct 21 | Implementation   |
| 19 Wed Oct 23 | Vision           |
| 20 Mon Oct 28 | Vision           |
| 21 Wed Oct 30 | Test 2: networks |
| 22 Mon Nov 04 | Language         |
| 23 Wed Nov 06 | Language         |
| 24 Mon Nov 11 | Speech           |
| 25 Wed Nov 13 | Speech           |
| 26 Mon Nov 18 | Games            |
| 27 Wed Nov 20 | Games            |
| 00 Mon Nov 25 | Fall break       |
| 00 Wed Nov 27 | Fall break       |

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| 28 Mon Dec 02 | Summary              |
| 29 Wed Dec 04 | Test 3: applications |

## 4 Grades

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| 25% | Test 1: linear algebra, algorithms, probability, calculus and analysis |
| 25% | Test 2: network design, training and implementation                    |
| 25% | Test 3: vision, language, speech and games                             |
| 25% | Homework                                                               |

No final exam