
Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining

— Syllabus —

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 - ▶ <https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/3966686420?pwd=WGxpc0N4YWcvOU9aWGxWZGYxbXZUdz09>
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About this course

In this course, we'll delve into the world of data mining, uncovering valuable insights from vast datasets. We will explore techniques to identify meaningful patterns, correlations, and trends, and apply them to both real-world and synthetic data. Topics covered include data preprocessing, dimensionality reduction, data visualization, predictive modeling, model evaluation, clustering, and association analysis techniques.

Course Information

- ▶ Course Homepage:
 - ▶ Blackboard: <https://lms.gvsu.edu/>
 - ▶ Course Website: <https://gvsu-cis635.github.io/syllabus.html>
- ▶ Prerequisites
 - ▶ A solid understanding of data structures and algorithms.
 - ▶ Basic knowledge in linear algebra and statistics.
 - ▶ Proficiency in at least one programming language, coupled with practical programming experience.

Course Objectives

- ▶ Understand the fundamentals of data mining and learn basic algorithms.
- ▶ Know how to apply these algorithms effectively in real-world scenarios.
- ▶ Provide a foundational course for those interested in pursuing research in data mining.

Textbook

- ▶ Recommended: [Data Mining Concepts and Techniques \(4th Edition\)](#) by Jiawei Han, Jian Pei, and Hanghang Tong. Publication Date: 2023. (free at [GVSU library](#))
- ▶ References
 - ▶ [Think Python: How to Think Like a Computer Scientist](#) by Allen B. Downey. (free)
 - ▶ [Python Data Science Handbook](#) by Jake VanderPlas. (free)
 - ▶ [Applied Machine Learning in Python](#) by Andreas C. Müller. (free)
 - ▶ [Data Mining: The Textbook](#) by Charu Aggarwal. (free)
 - ▶ Data Mining by Pang-Ning Tan, Michael Steinbach, and Vipin Kumar.
 - ▶ [Machine Learning](#) by Tom Mitchell. (free)
 - ▶ Introduction to Machine Learning by Ethem ALPAYDIN.
 - ▶ Pattern Classification by Richard O. Duda, Peter E. Hart, David G. Stork.
 - ▶ [The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction](#) by Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, and Jerome Friedman.
 - ▶ Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning by Christopher M. Bishop.

Grading

- ▶ Weekly reflections 10%
- ▶ Homework assignments 50%
- ▶ Course Project 40%

Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grades D & F
$A \geq 93\%$	$B+ \geq 87\%$	$C+ \geq 77\%$	$D+ \geq 67\%$
$A- \geq 90\%$	$B \geq 83\%$	$C \geq 73\%$	$D \geq 60\%$
	$B- \geq 80\%$	$C- \geq 70\%$	$F < 60\%$

Grading: Weekly reflections

Weekly reflections: 10%

- ▶ **These reflections are intended to enhance communication between students and the instructor.**
- ▶ **Deadline: 11:59 pm Michigan time on the due date.**
- ▶ Grading focuses on the clarity of writing. Specific content or critiques about the class are not the basis for grading.
- ▶ **Constructive feedback is encouraged to facilitate improvements in the class experience.**

Grading: Homework

Homework: 50%

- ▶ Homework assignments are designed to reinforce course material and include a mix of programming tasks along with mathematical or written questions.
- ▶ **Deadline: 11:59 pm Michigan time on the due date.**
 - ▶ *Late policy:* Assignments submitted late will incur a 10% penalty per day, capped at five days (50%). After this period, the assignment **will not be accepted**.
- ▶ **No copying or sharing of homework!**
 - ▶ But you can discuss general challenges and ideas with others

Grading: Course Project

Course project: 40%

- ▶ **Group project (3-4 people for one group)**
- ▶ **Goal: Solve a given data mining problem**
 - ▶ E.g., Analyze a dataset of historical weather patterns to predict rainfall amounts.
 - ▶ Kaggle Competition style
- ▶ **You are expected to submit a project report and your code at the end of the semester**

Academic Honesty

- ▶ Document all collaborations.
- ▶ No electronic code transfers between students.
- ▶ Code you find on the internet must be cited, with an active link to that code. That code should not solve the entirety of an assigned problem/project (i.e., don't have someone else do your project for you).
- ▶ You are encouraged to engage in conversations in online forums, but do not post solutions or solicit others to complete your work for you.
- ▶ You are encouraged to talk about problems with each other in non-technical terms (i.e., not code)
- ▶ Ultimately, you are responsible for all aspects of your submissions. You should be able to explain and defend your submission if the work is entirely your own.
 - ▶ **Suspicious cases will be reported to the Academic Honesty Committee**

Tentative Course Content

🔪 January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Recess

🔪 March 3-10, Spring Break: No classes!

Module	Lecture & Discussion Topic
1	Introduction and Know Your Data
2	Data Quality and Preprocessing
3	Dimensionality Reduction
5	Predictive modeling: regression
4	Predictive modeling: classification
6	Clustering
7	Sequence analysis
8	Networks

Expectations for Success

- ▶ Check Blackboard on a regular basis for announcements, course material, and assignments
- ▶ Stay up to date with required course videos/readings
- ▶ I'm here to help you! Come to office hours or schedule an appointment when you're feeling lost/stuck.
- ▶ Let me know when something is getting in the way of your success in this class.
- ▶ Let me know how the class and my teaching can be improved.
- ▶ Adhere to class, CIS, and GVSU policies on academic honesty.

Resources

GVSU provides opportunities for students to improve your academic skills through resources, such as

- ▶ Writing center (<https://www.gvsu.edu/wc/>)
- ▶ Speech lab (<https://www.gvsu.edu/speechlab/>)
- ▶ Research consultants (<https://www.gvsu.edu/csce/>)
- ▶ Library liaisons (<https://www.gvsu.edu/library/about-the-university-libraries-3.html>)
- ▶ Academic success center (<https://www.gvsu.edu/sasc>)