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Course Information January, 2015

Day & Time and Location	M/W 1:10-2:25 at HAV 309
Instructor	Professor Tony Jebara
Office Hours	Mon 2:30-3:30 in CEPSR 605

Prerequisites: COMS W4771 or permission. Background in linear algebra and statistics.

Description: Advanced topics in machine learning including: Linear Modeling, Nonlinear Dimension Reduction, Maximum Entropy, Exponential Family Models, Conditional Random Fields, Graphical Models, Structured Support Vector Machines, Feature Selection, Kernel Selection, Meta-Learning, Multi-Task Learning, Semi-Supervised Learning, Graph-Based Semi-Supervised Learning, Approximate Inference, Clustering, and Boosting.

Click on "Handouts" for more details about what the course will cover. If you have not taken 4771 and want to take Advanced Machine Learning, we may make an exception for you if you have a strong background and are eager to catch up. To brush up on background material for Advanced Machine Learning, look at the slides and handouts for introductory Machine Learning [COMS4771](#).

Bulletin Board: [Class bulletin board \(Click on Discussion\)](#)

The course will sometimes refer to the online text book Introduction to Graphical Models by M.I. Jordan. The book is available via [courseworks.columbia.edu](#) for registered students only.

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This 3 credit course (4772 or 6772 are equivalent) satisfies:
a PhD Elective in the Advanced AI track.
a Required or Elective Course for the MS Machine Learning track.
an Elective Course for the MS Vision/Graphics track.

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