



Course Syllabus: Spring 2023

Class Logistics

- CS 4395 Human Language Technologies (Natural Language Processing)
 - Monday/Wednesday 4:00 – 5:15 pm
 - JO 3.516
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TA Information

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Class Resources.

- **eLearning:** We will use eLearning for the grade book, links to quizzes, and links to upload assignments.
- **YouTube:** Content lectures are on YouTube in the NLP playlist on my channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/JaniceMazidi>
 - This content duplicates what I will cover in class, so you are not required to watch the videos. However, the videos can be helpful if you miss a class or want a short refresher on a topic.
- **GitHub:** Code samples and other course materials are available on the GitHub for this class: <https://github.com/kjmazidi/NLP>

Note: This is an upper-level computer science course with many programming assignments. Non-CS majors are strongly cautioned against taking the course if you do not have a strong programming background.

Course Pre-requisites

CS/SE 3341 (Probability and Statistics in CS) and CE/CS/SE/TE 3345 (Data Structures and Algorithms)

Course Description

Introduction to human language technologies (HLT), the study of natural languages from a computational perspective. Topics include computational models of syntax and semantics, natural language applications (such as machine translation, speech processing, information retrieval, and information extraction), and general machine-learning techniques commonly used in state-of-the-art HLT research.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

1. Be able to perform morphological analysis
 2. Be able to compute n-gram statistics and to perform smoothing
 3. Demonstrate knowledge about parts-of-speech and ability to use and understand part-of-speech taggers
 4. Demonstrate knowledge about various parsing algorithms and parsing techniques
 5. Demonstrate knowledge of semantic representations including FrameNet, WordNet, PropBank and semantic parsing techniques that employ them
 6. Demonstrate knowledge about statistical machine translation
 7. Be able to apply the NLP techniques to modern applications
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Required Reading and Software:

Notes in pdf form will be provided.

We will be using Python for this course. Installation instructions will be provided in class.

Grading

Course grade is composed of:

- 70% - Class portfolio assignments, about one per week
- 20% - quizzes; at least one a week
- 10% - attendance/participation
- there are no exams
- Letter grades will be assigned according to the UTD +/- conventions. The eLearning system does not round up.
 - 0,1,2,3 minus
 - 4,5,6 neither plus nor minus
 - 7,8,9 plus



Course & Instructor Policies

- Assignments must be turned in on the due date, by 11:59 pm.
- Late assignments are deducted by 10% on the first and second days late. After two days, the assignment will not be accepted.
- Quizzes are not accepted late.
- Do not turn in code or other work that is not your own. Discussion and collaboration are good things, turning in someone else's work as your own is not.
- **If you do not agree with a grade you have been given, you must make your case within a week of receiving the grade or the grade stands as is.**

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"As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do."

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The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.