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[Multi_eep596a_wi25] Welcome to the EE P 596 Winter 2025 course on: LLMs - From Transformers to GPTs

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Hi everyone,

This is Karthik. I will be your instructor for the LLM course this quarter. I have taught several PMP AI/ML courses over the past two years and LLMs will by far be my favorite one :-)

This quarter, I will be juggling this course with a full-time industry role as a staff scientist at Ebay - Thankfully, the industry role is also in the space of LLMs! So I plan to bring in a mix of academic knowledge on LLMs along with the practical, hands-on side of LLMs in the course.

Please read the entire email below as it has some things for you to set up before class today!

1. Discord

Join the discord server dedicated to our course here: <https://discord.gg/cyTB3RN7>

This will be our main channel of communication going forward

2. Pre-Course Survey

Please fill out the pre-course survey before class today (4 pm), so we can align on expectations on the class better:

<https://forms.gle/1uiP4JyeePZvkZoLA>

3. Webpage

The webpage for the course is up and most of the materials including lectures, recordings, demos, etc will be uploaded here:

bytesizeml.github.io/llm2025

4. Class Times and Format

As you know, classes are on M and W, 4-6 pm pst. Tomorrow's (Mondays) class will be in person at **More Hall 220** -

See you there at 4 pm

5. Pre-requisites

The class assumes that you have taken a past course on Machine Learning and have familiarity and comfort in coding in Python. If you have any concerns on meeting the pre-requisite, please reach out to me after class today.

6. Team

We have a big class this quarter and to support you guys better - We have two amazing TAs - Rahul Vishwanath and Xiulong to support you during and off-class. We also have an enthusiastic grader, Bingan Chen who will be your go-to for any grading questions.

See you tomorrow (monday) in person at 4 pm at More Hall 220!

Best!

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