Subject Description Form

Subject Code	COMP3133						
Subject Title	Chinese Language Processing						
Credit Value	3						
Level	3						
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite / Exclusion	Pre-requisite: COMP1011						
Objectives	The objectives of this subject are to:						
	• provide essential knowledge of computer representation of natural language text and practical techniques to handle and process natural language text, with a specific emphasis on the Chinese language and its co-processing with other languages such as English; and						
	 provide fundamental skills to design and develop innovative software systems with natural language processing techniques and tools for different communities. 						
Intended	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:						
Learning Outcomes	Professional/academic knowledge and skills						
	(a) understand the technical difficulties in representing and processing text written or encoded in Chinese;						
	(b) understand the system support for entering and displaying Chinese in computers;						
	(c) understand fundamental Chinese language (and natural language in general) processing concepts, processes and major problems;						
	(d) understand the applications of Chinese (and natural language in general) processing;						
	(e) apply fundamental knowledge and advanced techniques of natural language processing to develop textual information processing systems; and						
	(f) handle multi-lingual text representation and processing issues.						
	Attributes for all-roundedness						
	(g) solve problems using systematic approaches; and						
	(h) learn independently and be able to search for the information required in solving problems.						

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

Topic

1. Representation, Input and Output of Chinese Characters

Chinese and Universal Character Set Standards (such as GB, Big5 and Unicode), Character Encoding Schemes (such as ISO2022, EUC and UTF), Code Set Compatibility Issues, Chinese Character Input and Output Processing.

2. Fundamental of (Chinese) Natural Language Processing

Morphological Analysis, Word Stemming and Segmentation, Syntactic Analysis and Sentence Parsing, Semantic Analysis and Sense Disambiguation, Discourse Analysis and Co-Reference Resolution.

3. Selected Topics in (Chinese) Natural Language Processing Applications

Language Modeling, Opinion Mining and Sentiment Classification, Dialogue and Conversation System, Question Answering and Summarization, Information Retrieval and Extraction, Machine Translation, etc.

Teaching/ Learning Methodology

Lectures teach students on the main concepts of the course, together with comprehensive examples, class exercises or questions and answers for easy understanding.

Tutorials and lab sessions offer the opportunity for students to review the lecture materials and master the practical techniques and necessary tools for effective system and application development.

Project and/or assignments give students the opportunity to develop analytical and problem solving skills through system implementation and interpersonal communication.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)							
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
Continuous Assessment									
1. Assignments		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓
2. Lab Exercises	55%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Project/ Presentation			✓		✓	✓	√	✓	
4. Mid-Term			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Examination	45%		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Total	100 %				•				

Student Study	Class contact:						
Effort Expected	■ Lecture	26 Hrs.					
	■ Laboratory 13 Hrs						
	Other student study effort:						
	Self-study 40 Hrs.						
	Homework, Quizzes and Assignments 40 Hr.						
	Total student study effort	119 Hrs.					
Reading List and References	Reference Books:						
	1. Lunde, Ken, CJKV Information Processing: Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese Information Processing, O'Reilly & Associates, 2008.						
	2. Huang, J.K.T. and Huang, T.D., An Introduction to Chinese, Japanese and Korean Computing, Singapore: World Scientific, 1989.						
	3. Jurafsky, Dan and Martin, James H., Speech and Language Processing, An Introduction to Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics and Speech Recognition, 2008.						
	4. Manning, Christopher D. and Schütze, Hinrich, Foundations of Statistical Natural Language Processing, The MIT Press, 1999.						
	5. Bird, Steven, Klein, Ewan and Loper, Edward, Natural Language Prowith Python: Analyzing Text with the Natural Language Toolkit, Media, 2009.						