CS412 Project

Group 11

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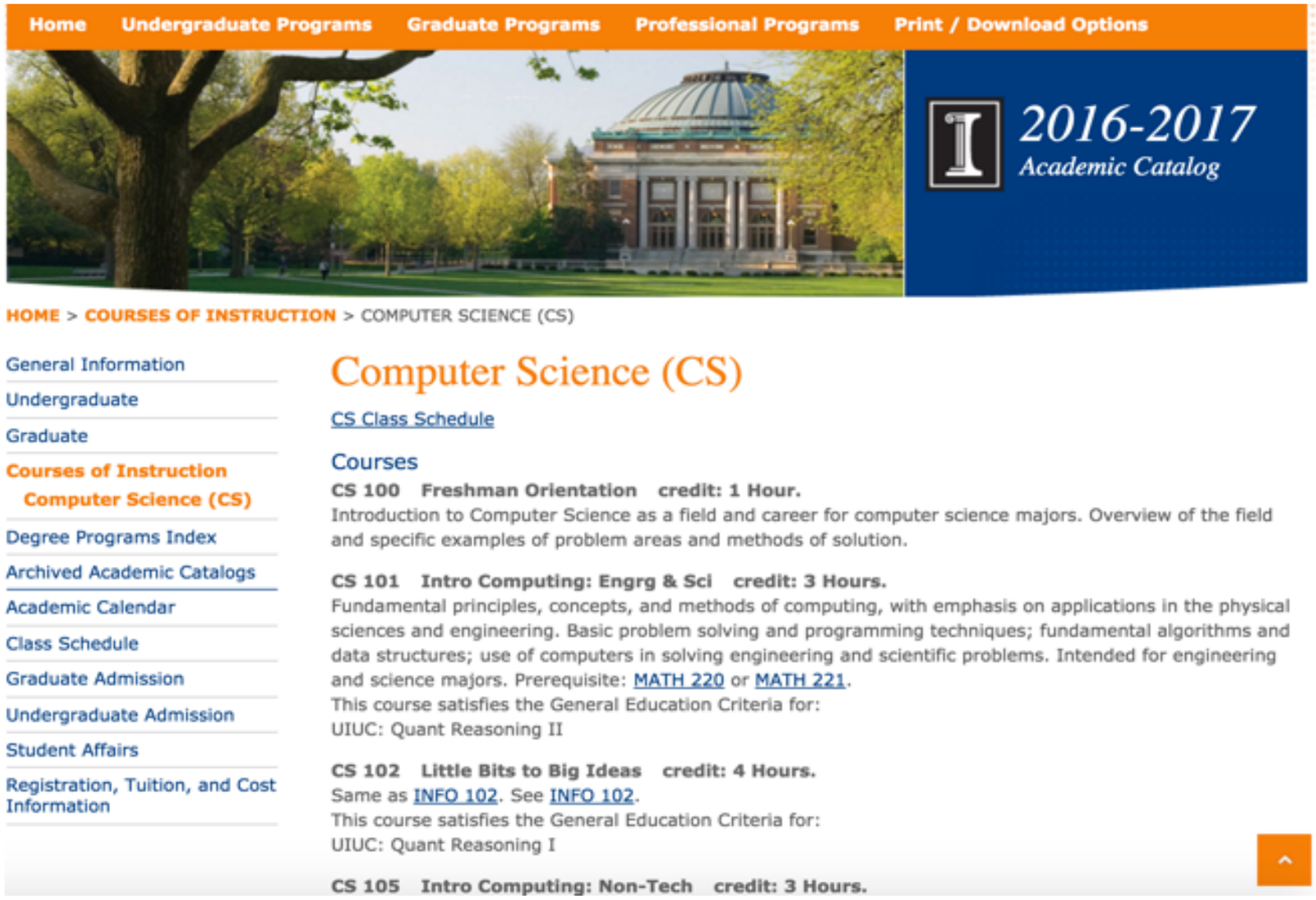
Course Information from Course Instruction Pages

Each school has several webpages listing the courses in the university together with their information



Course information:

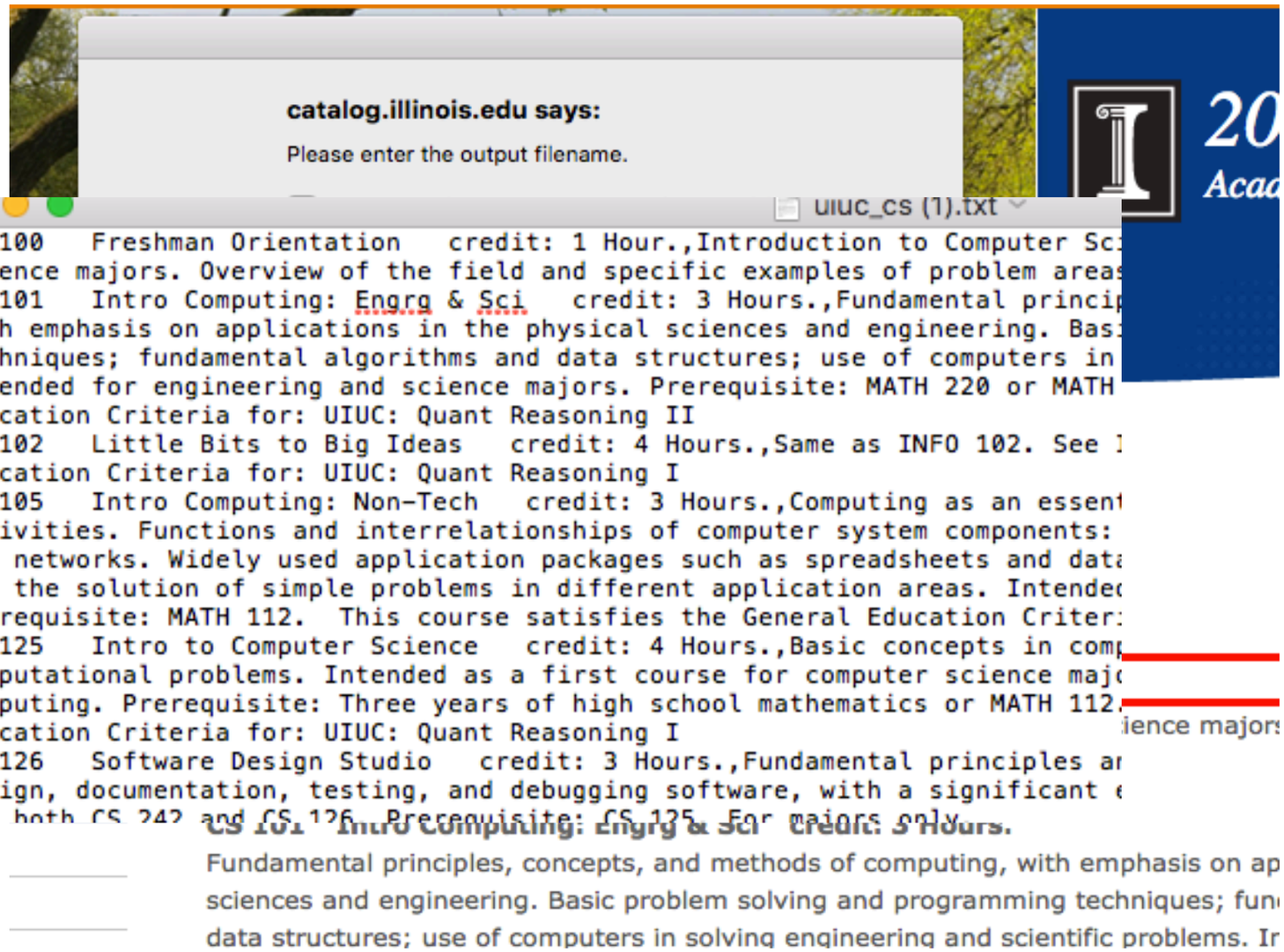
Course ID,
Course Name,
Credit,
Lecturer
Description,
Prerequisite.

Easy Tool for Course Information Extraction!

Course Extraction - Rule Based Method

Users need to select an interested block first

Find similar blocks based on DOM features in the vipsTree



Features: block height, subblock number, vips-id, left alignment, block height, font size, font weight, text color, text content

Course Extraction – Function Develoepd

Two Functions to Extract Course Information
- Feature Based Analysis
- Kmean Clustering Based

Two Functions to Extract Information of Similar Courses
- Kmean Clustering Based
- Hierarchical Clustering Based

Course Extraction –Tested Websites and Output Example

Working

Stanford

Georgia Tech

UC Berkeley

UIUC

CMU

UIC

Purdue

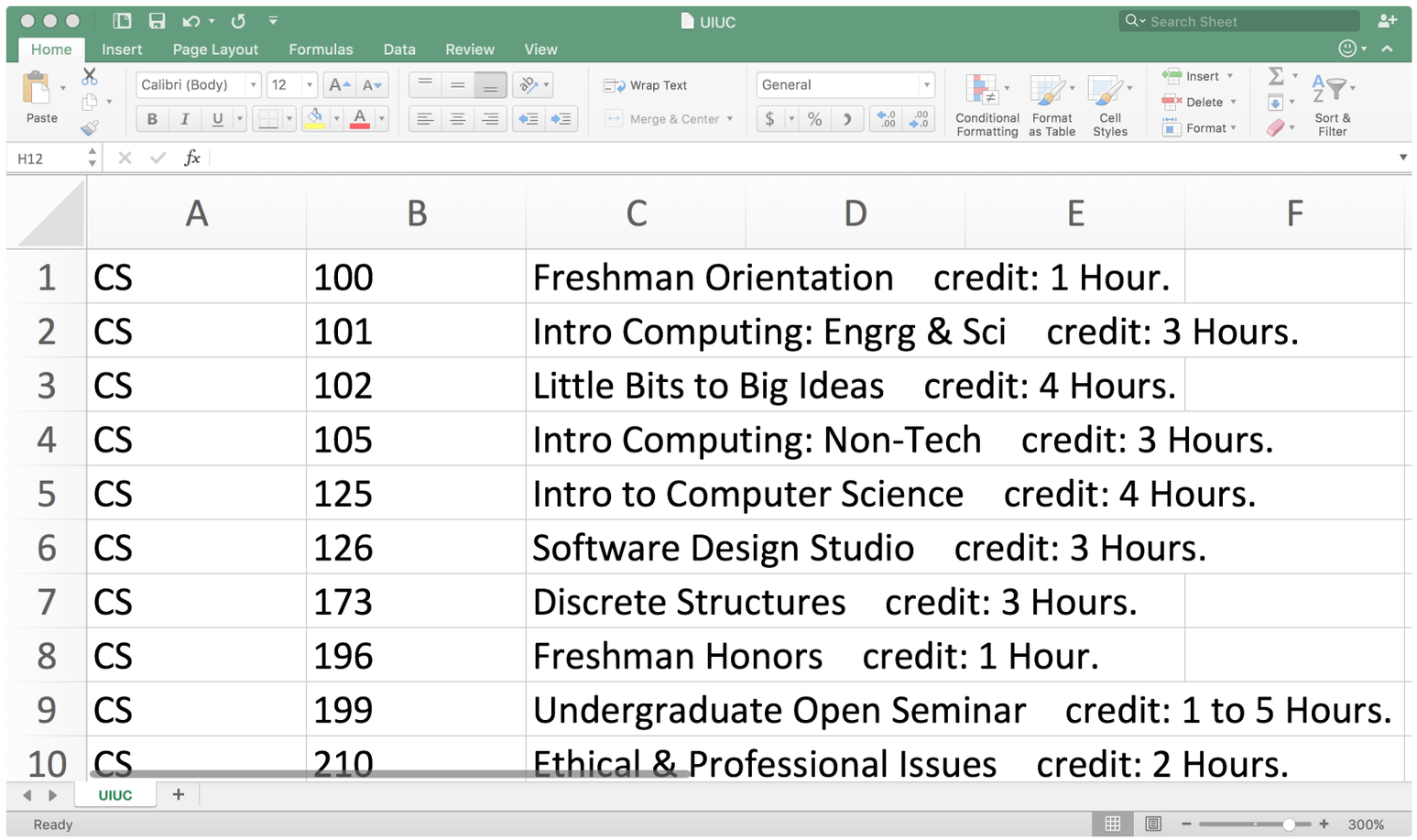
Princeton

UT Austin

Cornell

MIT

U Washington



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1	CS	100	Freshman Orientation credit: 1 Hour.			
2	CS	101	Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci credit: 3 Hours.			
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4	CS	105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech credit: 3 Hours.			
5	CS	125	Intro to Computer Science credit: 4 Hours.			
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Main reason:
VIPS cannot recognize the visual blocks.

Not Working

Sample from top 10 CS grad school (US News):
http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-science-schools/computer-science-rankings


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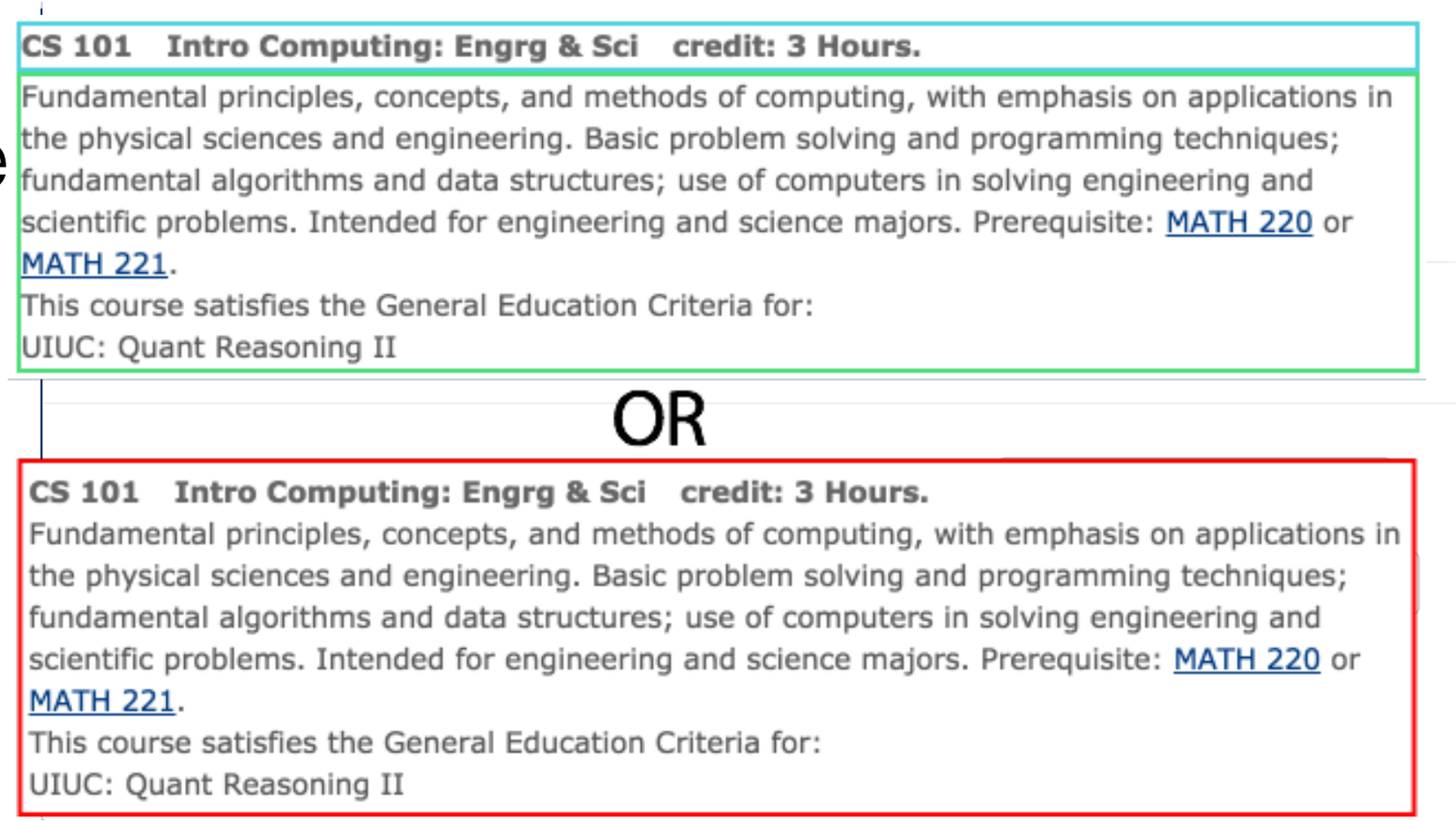
Course Extraction - Clustering Based Method

Highlight:

1. Allow using large or small visual blocks
2. K-means clustering, user can decide K (range: 2~8)



Features: (large block) Word count, block height, subblock number (small block) subblock index, left alignment, word count, block height, font size, font weight

Course Extraction - Rule Based Method

Works for about 60% of the course catalog we tested

Working	Not Working
UIUC, UCLA, STANFORD, CMU PRINCETON, UIC, YALE, UMICH, UCDAVIS, GATECH, U Washington	UC BERKELEY, PURDUE, CORNELL, MIT, UTEAXAS

This methods lacks of flexibility, e.g. course catalog of UCB is not left aligned

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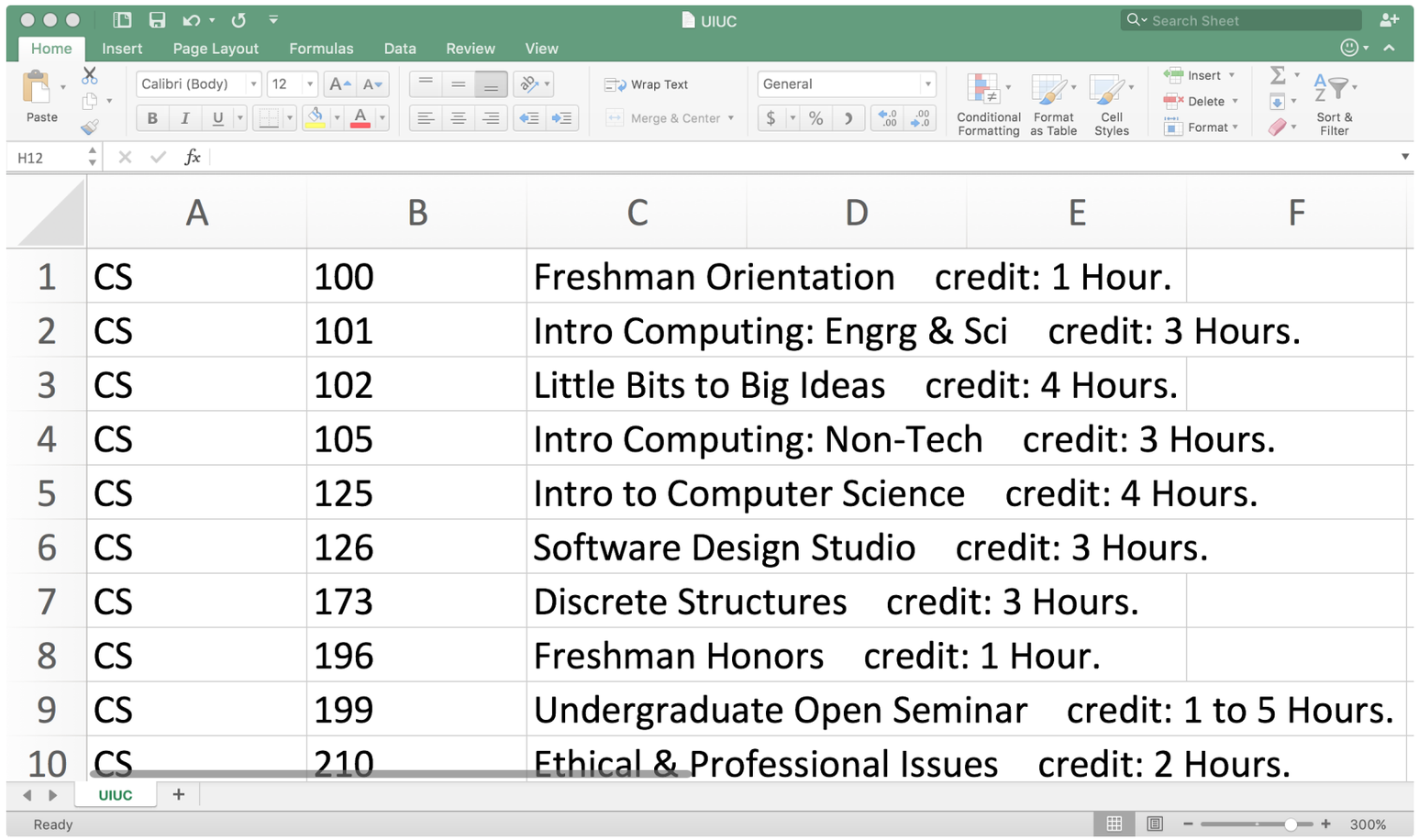

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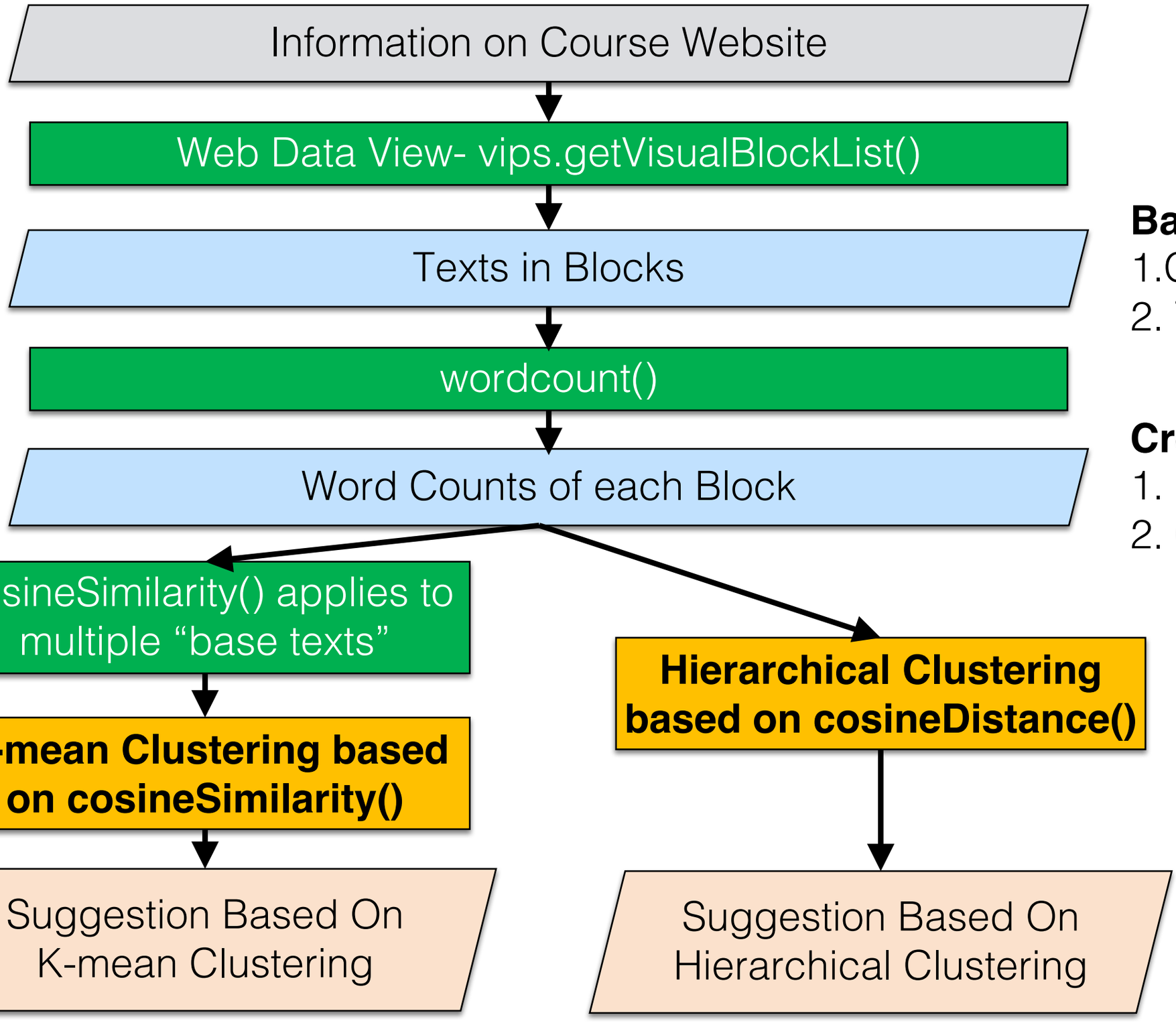
Similar Course Suggestion



Basic Text Cleaning:
1.Clear punctuations
2. Transform to lowercase

Create Word List:
1. Identify word elements
2. Count Frequency