Hi everyone

Hope this announcement finds everyone well.

My name is Munish; I will be your lecturer/ seminar host for the upcoming ANL252 course, with Seminar 1 starting on the 14th of August 2023 (Seminar 1) from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

Everything will be conducted online, via Zoom. I have attached in this note the following pieces of information (do not lose this announcement and make a copy of it somewhere, as I won’t be giving a repeat of it)

1. Seminar Dates & Zoom Links – each seminar has its own zoom link. Before seminar 1, pls make sure you have installed and tested anaconda and python. (I won’t be spending time trouble shooting your PCs or laptops for you in class as it wastes everyone’s time). To join the zoom class, you would need to login to your SUSS account; everything will be done on CANVAS.
2. You need to do your PCOQ before your first class; it is now available on CANVAS.
3. Assignment Deadlines - unfortunately, the school is very strict about this. This cannot be adjusted. If you need more time, you speak directly to the head of the program Prof James Tan Swee Chuan, not me.
4. Your Group Based Assignments (GBA) groups – I have attached your teams for your GBA and indicated a student who will act as team leader. Now, to be clear, the team leader has an administrative role; you are free to choose your own technical team lead or have no leader at all. However, the team leader will be directly responsible for collating and submitting the work, collating questions to ask me (if any) and transmitting my instructions/ answers to the team. Basically, I do it this way to prevent email blasts from the whole class at an individual basis. Again, I repeat, collect your questions, and ask at group level.
   1. Team leaders, please collect all the pertinent information that you think from your team (in other words, don’t collect information about their shoe size; there are data privacy laws we must abide by 😊). Things like phone numbers and email – importantly you need your team members to be responsive so immediately let me know if someone is not.
   2. I have experienced situations where students are unhappy with their GBA allocation. I will allow a 1-time change only (unless there are other extenuating circumstances) at the very start, before the start of Seminar 2 which is on the 28th of Aug 2023.
   3. Please remember you are all adults; there will be times when we must work with challenging people (God knows I deal with my fair share). Its good practice for the real world.
   4. I am strongly supportive of collaboration and teamwork, but I am not supportive of you asking your team mates to do all the work. In my class, I award the whole team the score for your GBA (actually, its an SUSS policy that the score be shared). However, if I learn of team members not pulling their weight, I will penalise you in other ways. To ensure that no one abuses this, every member of the team will sign a declaration stating that you all have collectively works as a team on the project (attached, again – keep this safe). More will be explained in seminar 1.

Hope the above is clear. I look forward to teaching and meeting everyone; hope this journey into python and analytics will be fruitful and interesting for everyone. We are going to have fun!

Thank you & Best Regards

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