CSCI 556 Scientific Data Analysis and Visualization

COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring, 2016

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbooks Required:

1. Practical Data Science With R

By Nina Zumel and John Mount,

Publisher: Manning, ISBN 13: 978-1-617291-56-2

Optional Reference Books:

1. The Art of R Programming
   By Norman Mattloff

   A **free version** is available at: http://heather.cs.ucdavis.edu/~matloff/132/NSPpart.pdf

2. An Introduction to Statistical Learning, with Applications in R,

   By Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani.

   A **free version** of this book is available at:

   http://www-bcf.usc.edu/~gareth/ISL/ISLR%20Fourth%20Printing.p

Course Description:

Big scientific data sets are growing exponentially both in size and complexity. Extracting meaningful information from these data requires not only programming skills, but also understanding the analysis work-flows, mathematical models and visualization tools that help to condense large amounts of information into a comprehensible story. We will introduce standard statistical data analysis and modeling methods such as correlation functions, linear regression, clustering, pattern extraction, classification, data mining, as well as Monte Carlo methods which are commonly used in creating simulations in the computational sciences. Different analysis and visualization packages popular in scientific modeling, analysis, and visualization will be introduced.

Objectives:

This course is for graduate students to study statistical and machine learning techniques used in data analysis.

Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing this class, the successful student should have attained the following skills:

1. The student will gain detailed knowledge about the goal and techniques of the data analysis and visualization process.
2. The student will understand the steps in characterizing and understanding data.
3. The student will be able to build effective predictive models.
4. The student will be able to build models that rely on memorizing training data.
5. The student will be able to build models that have an explicit additive structure.
6. The student will be able to build models for data that has no labeled training data available: Unsupervised learning
7. The student will be able to use software applications for data analysis.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

The text for the class will be covered in this class using the text author's slides modified, animated and highlighted by the course instructor. By the end of the semester, the students should have read the assigned chapter sections, studied the presentations, taken quizzes, participated in discussions and have spent some time to be certain they have a general understanding of the reference material in the appendices. The table of contents of the text is basically an outline for the course.

All quiz activity, required discussion inputs, and any other assignments are provided to the student as each class unit is opened and the week progresses.

Grading

Discussions:	10%
Homework Assignments	25%
Quizzes:	20%
Midterm Exam:	20%
Final exam:	25%

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale, rounded to nearest tenth of a point according to Excel worksheet process:

A = at least 90.0% of total

B = at least 80.0% but less than 90.0%

C = at least 70.0% but less than 80.0%

D = at least 60.0% but less than 70.0%

F = less than 60.0% of the total points

For Example: 89.94 rounds to 89.9 and would award you a B grade

But: 89.95 rounds to 90.0 and would award you an A grade.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites:

CSCI 502 Statistics for Computational Science and Analysis.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

Access to class material and Uploading to an eCollege Dropbox are described below. However, if you have not taken a TAMUC online course previously, it is required that students take the online student tutorial for eCollege before you begin participation.

1. You can access eCollege either directly or through your myLeo account.

To connect to eCollege directly, set your browser to go to **http://online.tamuc.org/** Enter your campus ID in the User ID box on left side of the screen and your password in the Password box below the User Id box (it's the same id and password that you use when logging in to your myLeo account). Click on **Go to class**. As long as eCollege itself is up, you can connect to eCollege this way even when myLeo is down or the university's home page is inaccessible. **Or your can** access eCollege through myLeo, log on to your myLeo account and click on **eCollege** in the bar in the upper right of the screen under the myLeo logo (there may be an additional link available in the menu on the left side of your screen). You can bypass the university's home page by going to**http://online.tamu-commerce.edu**

2. Once you are in eCollege click on the **MyCourses** tab (next to **Home**) in the upper left corner of the screen between the university logo and the date.

3. Scroll down to the bottom of the MyCourses screen and click on the class you want from the list of online and web-enhanced courses you may be taking this semester. In this case click on **CSCI556 Scientific Data Analysis & Visualization.**

At this point you can access course material and course tools. You should first read any announcements that are posted, and then enter the class Unit. The Course Home is the only area that is open during any time the entire 16 weeks of the Fall Semester.

To view the class material during all other Units, click on the Unit topic and view all topics or elements in the section during the scheduled open time. To make an assignment upload during an open Unit, follow these directions:

1. On the course page, click on **Dropbox** in the Tools menu bar at the top of the screen, then on the Dropbox page, click on**Submit Assignment**.

3. In the **Basket** drop-down menu, click on the dropbox you want (Program 1, Discussion, Assignment1,etc.). The dropbox selected will appear in the **Basket** box.

4. Where it says "**Attachments: Add/Remove"** under the edit window, click on **Add/Remove.**

5. In the **Add and Remove Attachments** window, either type the name (including path) of the file you wish to upload in the dialog box to the right of **File to Attach:** , or click on

the **Browse** button to search for the file you wish to upload. The name of the file selected will appear in the small dialog box to the left of the browse button.

6. If this is the only (or last) file you wish to upload, click on the **Attach File** button underneath the **Browse** button. If this is not the last file to be uploaded at this time, click on the **Save & Attach Another File** button instead of the **Attach File** button and browse for the next file. The name(s) of the selected file(s) will be listed in the **Submit Assignment** window underneath **Attachments: Add/Remove**. If you remember that you wanted to upload an additional file, you can click on the **Submit assignment** button again and browse for another file. A message to accompany the file(s) can be entered into the edit window.

7. Click on the **Submit Assignment** button to initiate the file transfer. The dropbox window will now show the basket name under Outbox with a document icon for each file you uploaded. You can hover the mouse over a document icon to see the name of the file uploaded. If you're not sure it's the correct document, you can click on it to download a copy of the file you uploaded.

8. Click on the key icon in the lower left corner of the screen to exit from the eCollege.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor and Other Students Statement:

I respond to email questions from the university email. No other email address will be allowed besides my TAMUC email address from your TAMUC email address.

You are encouraged to study the material with your fellow students, but do not work together on assignments of any kind submitted and testing periods. The allowable activity must fall within the academic integrity procedures outlined by the university.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures:

Late Policy:

Quizzes, Homework Assignments and Discussions must be accomplished in the Unit specified by the date given and submitted according to the e-college online process. There will be 10% reduction each day after the due date.

Make-up Policy:

Make-up will be permitted only in the case of having and providing me a formal Institution excuse.

Attendance:

Since this is an online learning course, each student is expected to regularly login to the course website at TAMUC eCollege. You will be required to login regularly each week to view a unit presentation, to take a quiz or to submit a discussion. It is expect that you will need to spend approximately 3-6 hours a week watching the presentations, completing quizzes and submitting discussion requirements. This will bring your class time roughly equivalent to the weekly class attendance required for an on-campus class.

You must watch for changed announcements at eCollege or in emails to know when something has been updated, **Your activity on e-College web site is monitored and you will get instructor emails if you become deficient in your attendance or assignments**.

University Specific Procedures: ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, lease contact: **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Gee Library 132. Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835, Fax (903) 468-8148,** StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu or Student Disability Resources & Services

Drops:

If you find that you cannot complete the course, please don't forget to drop the course as early as you can. If you simply disappear and stop attending, your grade will be based on only the points you have actually earned.

Academic Integrity:

University, college, and department policies against academic dishonesty will be enforced. Students found guilty academic dishonesty are subject to receiving an "F". Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating of information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of previous examinations or assignments, submitting work done by another person, tampering with the academic work of other students, and working with anyone during a quiz or exam.

Disclaimer:

This syllabus, schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. It is the student's responsibility to read and abide by all of the instructor's emails and all course announcements which may provide updated versions of this information.