

SU DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE
SYLLABUS
COSC 411 – Artificial Intelligence

Description: Survey foundational topics in artificial intelligence. Study both exact and probabilistic learning and decision-making frameworks, deterministic and non-deterministic. Consider both historical and state-of-the art techniques using the Python languages. Discuss ethical and social concerns surrounding the use and development of artificial intelligence. Design agents to solve a wide array of problems, using knowledge representation, uncertainty, learning, and communication. Three lecture-hours per week.

Prerequisites: Grade of “C” or better in: COSC 320. COSC 311 recommended.

Required Text:

- *Artificial Intelligence, A Modern Approach* (3rd edition), by Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig

Weeks

Introduction, Python Basics	2.0
Variables, expressions, functions, classes, library usage, I/O	
Search techniques, game playing	2.0
Uninformed search, heuristics, local search and optimization, adversarial search	
Automated proofs, knowledge representation	2.0
Propositional inference, planning and state-space search, hierarchical planning, multi-agent planning, ontology, categories, events, and objects	
Probabilistic Reasoning	2.0
Uncertainty, reasoning over time, utility functions, decision networks, policy iteration	
Machine Learning	2.0
Supervised learning, unsupervised learning, reinforcement learning, learning probabilistic models	
Communication and Perception	2.0
Natural language processing, image perception and reconstruction, robotics	
Ethics and Philosophy	1.0
Risks of AI, meaning of intelligent action, directions in AI	
Exams	1.0

EVALUATION

Homework, labs, class participation: 20-30%

Projects and presentations: 40-60%

Exams and quizzes: 20-40%

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