Cover Sheet: Request 15990

LIN 4XXXC – Introduction to Computational Linguistics

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Responses

Recommended Prefix

Enter the three letter code indicating placement of course within the discipline (e.g., POS, ATR, ENC). Note that for new course proposals, the State Common Numbering System (SCNS) may assign a different prefix.

Response: LIN

Course Level

Select the one digit code preceding the course number that indicates the course level at which the course is taught (e.g., 1=freshman, 2=sophomore, etc.).

Response: 4

Course Number

Enter the three digit code indicating the specific content of the course based on the SCNS taxonomy and course equivalency profiles. For new course requests, this may be XXX until SCNS assigns an appropriate number.

Response: XXX

Category of Instruction

Indicate whether the course is introductory, intermediate or advanced. Introductory courses are those that require no prerequisites and are general in nature. Intermediate courses require some prior preparation in a related area. Advanced courses require specific competencies or knowledge relevant to the topic prior to enrollment.

Response: Advanced

- 1000 level = Introductory undergraduate
- 2000 level = Introductory undergraduate
- 3000 level = Intermediate undergraduate
- 4000 level = Advanced undergraduate
- 5000 level = Introductory graduate
- 6000 level = Intermediate graduate
- 7000 level = Advanced graduate
- 4000/5000= Joint undergraduate/graduate

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*Joint undergraduate/graduate courses must be approved by the UCC and the Graduate Council)

Lab Code

Enter the lab code to indicate whether the course is lecture only (None), lab only (L), or a combined lecture and lab (C).

Response: C

Course Title

Enter the title of the course as it should appear in the Academic Catalog. There is a 100 character limit for course titles.

Response: Introduction to Computational Linguistics

Transcript Title

Enter the title that will appear in the transcript and the schedule of courses. Note that this must be limited to 30 characters (including spaces and punctuation).

Response: Intro Computational Ling

Degree Type Select the type of degree program for which this course is intended.

Response: Baccalaureate

Delivery Method(s) Indicate all platforms through which the course is currently planned to be delivered.

Response: On-Campus

Co-Listing

Will this course be jointly taught to undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional students?

Response: Yes

Co-Listing Explanation

Please detail how coursework differs for undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional students. Additionally, please upload a copy of both the undergraduate and graduate syllabus to the request in .pdf format. For more information please see the <u>Co-Listed Graduate Undergraduate Courses Policy</u>.

Response:

Undergraduate: Homework: 30%, Final project: 35%

Graduate: Homework 20%, Final project 45% for which the students would be asked to select a computational linguistics conference venue as a target outlet and prepare as a group a conference paper (typically 7 pages, two columns) as well as an abstract for submission (this requirement doesn't exist for the Undergraduate level).

Effective Term

Select the requested term that the course will first be offered. Selecting "Earliest" will allow the course to be active in the earliest term after SCNS approval. If a specific term and year are selected, this should reflect the department's best projection. Courses cannot be implemented retroactively, and therefore the actual effective term cannot be prior to SCNS approval, which must be obtained prior to the first day of classes for the effective term. SCNS approval typically requires 2 to 6 weeks after approval of the course at UF.

Response: Earliest Available

Effective Year

Select the requested year that the course will first be offered. See preceding item for further information.

Response: Earliest Available

Rotating Topic?

Select "Yes" if the course can have rotating (varying) topics. These course titles can vary by topic in the Schedule of Courses.

Response: No

Repeatable Credit?

Select "Yes" if the course may be repeated for credit. If the course will also have rotating topics, be sure to indicate this in the question above.

Response: No

Amount of Credit

Select the number of credits awarded to the student upon successful completion, or select "Variable" if the course will be offered with variable credit and then indicate the minimum and maximum credits per section. Note that credit hours are regulated by Rule 6A-10.033, FAC. If you select "Variable" for the amount of credit, additional fields will appear in which to indicate the minimum and maximum number of total credits.

Response:

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S/U Only?

Select "Yes" if all students should be graded as S/U in the course. Note that each course must be entered into the UF curriculum inventory as either letter-graded or S/U. A course may not have both options. However, letter-graded courses allow students to take the course S/U with instructor permission.

Response: No

Contact Type

Select the best option to describe course contact type. This selection determines whether base hours or headcount hours will be used to determine the total contact hours per credit hour. Note that the headcount hour options are for courses that involve contact between the student and the professor on an individual basis.

Response: Regularly Scheduled

• Regularly Scheduled [base hr]

- Thesis/Dissertation Supervision [1.0 headcount hr]
- Directed Individual Studies [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Student Interns [0.8 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Teaching/Research [0.5 headcount hr]
- Supervision of Cooperative Education [0.8 headcount hr]

Contact the Office of Institutional Planning and Research (352-392-0456) with questions regarding contact type.

Weekly Contact Hours

Indicate the number of hours instructors will have contact with students each week on average throughout the duration of the course.

Response: 3

Course Description

Provide a brief narrative description of the course content. This description will be published in the Academic Catalog and is limited to 500 characters or less. See course description guidelines.

Response:

Introduces the study of natural language from a computational perspective. Discusses both applied (engineering) and theoretical (cognitive) issues, ranging from speech and language technology to formal aspects of theoretical linguistic models. Covers a brief introduction to programming in Python, and the basics of Natural Language Processing and their applications.

Prerequisites

Indicate all requirements that must be satisfied prior to enrollment in the course. Prerequisites will be automatically checked for each student attempting to register for the course. The prerequisite will be published in the Academic Catalog and must be formulated so that it can be enforced in the registration system. Please note that upper division courses (i.e., intermediate or advanced level of instruction) must have proper prerequisites to target the appropriate audience for the course.

Courses level 3000 and above must have a prerequisite.

Please verify that any prerequisite courses listed are active courses.

Response:

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Completing Prerequisites on UCC forms:

• Use "&" and "or" to conjoin multiple requirements; do not used commas, semicolons, etc.

• Use parentheses to specify groupings in multiple requirements.

• Specifying a course prerequisite (without specifying a grade) assumes the required passing grade is D-. In order to specify a different grade, include the grade in parentheses immediately after the course number. For example, "MAC 2311(B)" indicates that students are required to obtain a grade of B in Calculus I. MAC2311 by itself would only require a grade of D-.

• Specify all majors or minors included (if all majors in a college are acceptable the college code is sufficient).

• "Permission of department" is always an option so it should not be included in any prerequisite or co-requisite.

• If the course prerequisite should list a specific major and/or minor, please provide the plan code for that major/minor (e.g., undergraduate Chemistry major = CHY_BS, undergraduate Disabilities in Society minor = DIS_UMN)

Example: A grade of C in HSC 3502, passing grades in HSC 3057 or HSC 4558, and undergraduate PBH student should be written as follows: HSC 3502(C) & (HSC 3057 or HSC 4558) & UGPBH & https://www.analysis.com/anal

Co-requisites

Indicate all requirements that must be taken concurrently with the course. Co-requisites are not checked by the registration system. If there are none please enter N/A.

Response: N/A

Rationale and Placement in Curriculum

Explain the rationale for offering the course and its place in the curriculum.

Response:

The field of linguistics is becoming more computational and quantitative. Especially with current easy access to big data, and growing interest in data mining, machine learning and human-computer interfaces, there is a growing need for linguists to have computational skills. This course distinguishes itself from courses offered in other departments in terms of its application to problems and data sets in the language sciences. This course is offered as an advanced undergraduate course (4000-level), since knowledge of linguistic terminology and issues is assumed.

Course Objectives

Describe the core knowledge and skills that student should derive from the course. The objectives should be both observable and measurable.

Response:

On completion of this course, students should:

• Be able to use computational linguistic tools and resources, and be able to describe how they are applied in research in both computational linguistics and other subfields

- Have a rough sense of the state of the art in this subfield
- · Be able to conceptualize problems from the perspective of computational linguistics
- Be able to code in Python and use JyputerNotebook.

Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned Reading

Enter the title, author(s) and publication date of textbooks and/or readings that will be assigned. & https://ease provide specific examples&https://ease.and.identify.com/action

Response:

Daniel Jurafsky and James H. Martin (Sept. 2008). Speech and Language Processing: An Introduction to Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics, and Speech Recognition (2nd edition). Prentice Hall. isbn: 0131873210

Readings from the textbooks will be supplemented by other readings and materials throughout the semester (made available on the website for the course).

Weekly Schedule of Topics

Provide a projected weekly schedule of topics. This should have sufficient detail to evaluate how the course would meet current curricular needs and the extent to which it overlaps with existing courses at UF.

Response: Course outline (tentative, and subject to revision) Readings should be completed before the class date listed. Acronyms: • J&M: Jurafsky and Martin (2008)

• L&C: Language and Computer (2013)

- H: Hetland (2008)
- BKL: Bird et al (2009)

Week Topic Reading Assignment

W1 Introduction and Syllabus, Python: Intro, LinkedIn Learning J&M: Ch 1 (L&C Ch 1: Optional)

W2 Python: Intro, LinkedIn Learning

W3

Python: Data types & Files, Python: Control & Reg Exp, Text Normalization H: Ch 2-4, (Ch 11: Optional); J&M: Ch 8 Programming assessment

W4 Lab: Text Processing, Edit Distance, The Noisy Channel BKL: Ch 1,2,3; J&M: Ch 3; J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch2 Programming assessment

W5 The Noisy Channel; N-Grams J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch 2; J&M: Ch 4 HW 1 set, programming assessment

W6 N-Grams; Lab: N-Grams J&M: Ch 4 HW 1 due

W7 Machine Learning: Overview; Evaluation and Error analysis T. Mitchel. (2017); Resnik & Lin (2010), Kummerfeld et al. (2012) Project milestone 1 due Evaluation and Error analysis; Regression and Maximum Entropy Resnik & Lin (2010), Kummerfeld et al. (2012); J&M: Ch 6 HW 2 set W9 Regression and Maximum Entropy; Lab: Regression J&M: Ch 6 HW 2 due, Project milestone 2 due W10 Part of Speech tagging J&M: Ch 5 W11 Lab: Tagging; Vector Semantics BKL: Ch 5; TBD HW 3 Set, Project milestone 3 due W12 Vector Semantics; Lab: Semantics; Naive Bayes Classification TBD HW 3 due W13 Sentiment Analysis; Sentiment, Affect, and Connotation TBD HW 4 Set W14 Lab: Sentiment Analysis; Modelling Grammar; Modelling Intuitions TBD HW 4 due W15 Ethics: Poster session TBD Project milestone 4 due

Full references:

Bird, Steven, Ewan Klein, and Edward Loper (2009). Natural language processing with Python: analyzing text with the natural language toolkit. O'Reilly Media, Inc. Hetland, Magnus Lie (2008). Beginning Python from Novice to Professional. Wiley. Jurafsky, Daniel and James H. Martin (Sept. 2008). Speech and Language Processing: An Introduction to Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics, and Speech Recognition (2nd edition). Prentice Hall. Isbn: 0131873210. Mitchell, T.M.: Key Ideas in Machine Learning.

http://www.cs.cmu.edu/%7Etom/mlbook/keyldeas.pdf (2017). Accessed 28 Jan 2019 Resnik, P. & J. Lin (2010), Evaluation of nlp systems, in A. Clark, C. Fox, & S. Lappin (eds.), Handbook of Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

Kummerfeld, J. K., Hall, D., Curran, J. R., & Klein, D. (2012, July). Parser showdown at the wall street corral: An empirical investigation of error types in parser output. In Proceedings of the 2012 Joint Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and Computational Natural Language Learning (pp. 1048-1059).

Grading Scheme

List the types of assessments, assignments and other activities that will be used to determine the course grade, and the percentage contribution from each. This list should have sufficient detail to evaluate the course rigor and grade integrity. Include details about the grading rubric and percentage breakdowns for determining grades. If

participation and/or attendance are part of the students grade, please provide a rubric or details regarding how those items will be assessed.

Response:

Grading (tentative, and subject to revision)

Class participation: 10%

Active in-class participation is a requirement of the course. 'Active participation' means that you should regularly ask thoughtful questions in class during lectures and tutorials, and participate with the group exercises during tutorials. If you are habitually absent from class, leave early without letting us know ahead of time, or are otherwise disengaged (e.g. on your smartphone), that will negatively affect your participation grade.

If you miss a class, it is up to you to borrow notes from someone, ask other students about changes to the reading/homework schedule, etc. Please don't ask me to go over what we did in class.

• Quizzes: 10%

Quizzes will be available via Canvas. They are designed to test your on-going knowledge of the course content, specifically the conceptual content.

• Programming assessment (approx. 3 pieces): 5%

• Homework (approx. 3 pieces): 30%

Assignments will be uploaded to the course website.

Assignments must be submitted via .

Late assignments will NOT be accepted, except under extreme circumstances.

Emailed assignments will NOT be accepted, except under extreme circumstances.

In general, I will distribute the assignments one week before they are due, in class and/or on e-Learning.

I will use automatic checks for overlap between your code and other students' code.

Submit three files, unless mentioned otherwise (.ipynb (JyputerNotebook), .html (the output of JyputerNotebook) and .pdf (a pdf rendered version of the html). I will need the .pdf file for grading purposes (giving you comments directly in the document). If you do not submit all three files, I will not be able to grade properly and this will negatively affect your grade.

Length restrictions: be careful about your .html and .pdf files in terms of what is actually printed. If you should accidentally generate an excessive number of pages (e.g., you print out the whole dataset to inspect it, leading to a 300 page pdf file), I will not be able to grade properly and this will negatively affect your grade. Files submitted using the 'comment' feature will not be accepted.

Clarification: to do well in the HWs, you should examine the HW immediately, pay attention to the number of points assigned to each section, allocate a sufficient amount of time per section, and ask for clarification of anything immediately via a Canvas Discussion thread. Typically, most of the points are allocated in later sections of the HWs, therefore you should persevere and do not give up.

Lab work (approx. 4 pieces) : 10%

Completion of lab exercises. You should submit the answers of the lab exercises. Generally, the deadline is a week after each of the lab sessions.

Submit three files, unless mentioned otherwise (.ipynb (JyputerNotebook), .html (the output of JyputerNotebook) and .pdf (a pdf rendered version of the html). I will need the .pdf file for grading purposes (giving you comments directly in the document). If you do not submit all three files, I will not be able to grade properly and this will negatively affect your grade. Files submitted using the 'comment' feature will not be accepted.

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Clarification: to do well in the lab exercises, you should work on the lab exercises as much as you can in our lab sessions, and ask for clarification of anything during class and via a Canvas Discussion thread.

• Final project: 35%

Project presentations/demos: you are also required to present your work as a group. The exact format is to be determined. It will likely be a poster session open to the public.

Submission of an individual write-up of your final project (max. 10 pages) – submitted individually.

Submission of the group project files (the data, codes and presentation files) – submitted by your team representative.

The project will have four milestones.

Project milestone 1: Create your project team (max 3 people) and propose three research proposals to be developed and submit them for review.

Project milestone 2: Meet with instructors to select one proposal to develop further. Submit a draft for a developed version of this proposal

Project milestone 3: Submit the final proposal based on feedback from the instructors Project milestone 4: Present your research as a poster Grading scale

A: 92-100, A-: 88-91.9, B+ 85-87.9, B: 81-84.9, B-: 78-80.9, C+: 75-77.9, C: 71-74.9, C-: 68-70.9, D+: 65-67.9, D: 61-64.9, D-: 58-60.9, E: Below 58

Instructor(s)

Enter the name of the planned instructor or instructors, or "to be determined" if instructors are not yet identified.

Response: Kevin Tang

Attendance & Make-up

Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Attendance policy. A required statement statement related to class attendance, make-up exams and other work will be included in the syllabus and adhered to in the course. Courses may not have any policies which conflict with the University of Florida policy. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus.

• Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

Response: Yes

Accomodations

Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Accommodations policy. A statement related to accommodations for students with disabilities will be included in the syllabus and adhered to in the course. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus:

• Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Response: Yes

UF Grading Policies for assigning Grade Points

Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Grading policies. Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points is require to be included in the course syllabus. The following link may be used directly in the syllabus: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Response: Yes

Course Evaluation Policy

Course Evaluation Policy

Please confirm that you have read and understand the University of Florida Course Evaluation Policy. A statement related to course evaluations will be included in the syllabus. The following statement may be used directly in the syllabus:

• Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <u>https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/</u>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/" target="_blank">https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <a href="https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results/">https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <a href="https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Response: Yes

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UCC: External Consultations

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LIN4XXX Introduction to Computational Linguistics Instructor: Dr. Kevin Tang

General Information

Course description

Computational linguistics is the study of natural language from a computational perspective. It encompasses both applied (engineering) and theoretical (cognitive) issues, ranging from speech and language technology to formal aspects of theoretical linguistic models.

This course is for YOU if you have ever wondered: How your phone can do predictive texting? How does a computer understand the syntax of a sentence? How Amazon can process billions of reviews? How to automatically process large corpora (big data)? How to discover linguistic structures from language data automatically? How to model our linguistic intuitions of grammaticality?

This course is for YOU if you want to build a foundation for areas such as data science, the tech industry https://www.linguisticsociety.org/resource/webinar-linguists-and-linguistics-tech or for applying for a Master's in Computational Linguistics.

This course is for YOU if you want to create a computational linguistics project like these ones by last year's students: https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/2020/04/20/intro2compling-symposium-spring2020/.

In this class, we will survey various topics and tasks in computational linguistics. While we will cover some of the basics of Natural Language Processing (which we will consider a separate subfield), this class will not focus on one specific approach (such as deep learning). Students in this class are expected to have a background in either computer science or linguistics, but not necessarily both. Expect this class to be difficult at times and easy at others. We hope to offer something new and interesting for everyone.

Please also check out this page to learn more about computational linguistics at UF: https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/computational-linguistics/

Objectives

On completion of this course, you should:

• Be able to use computational linguistic tools and resources, and be able to describe how they are applied in research in both computational linguistics and other subfields

- Have a rough sense of the state of the art in this subfield
- Be able to conceptualize problems from the perspective of computational linguistics
- Be able to code in Python and use JyputerNotebook.

Time and place

WHERE: TBA WHEN: TBA

Instructor information

Instructor: Dr. Kevin Tang - https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/ Email: • tang.kevin@ufl.edu

Offices:

• 4017 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611-5454

Office hours:

- TBD or by appointment.
- For information on what are office hours and how to make use of them properly see: http://lsc.cornell.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/What-Are-Office-Hours.pdf.

Requirements

Prerequisites

LIN3010 (Introduction to Linguistics).

Programming training

Programming is not the focus of this course, but knowing how to program is an essential skill needed to do computational linguistics. I have engineered a number of ways to get you all up to speed with programming.

- The first three weeks will cover a brief introduction to programming in Python, with a particular focus on learning how to process written text, and JyputerNotebook (an interactive computational environment).
- Two free online courses will be assigned as assignments in a flipped class room format.
- After these first few weeks, you should have a basic foundation of Python to be able to tackle non-coding related course components.
- The course will include a complementary survey of the **Python Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)** which lowers the need of coding for certain topics of the course.

Note that the programming training will not be entirely comprehensive as one can never finish

learning to code. You need to be prepared to be **highly motivated** when it comes to learning how to code using Python. Learning to code is *not* like learning a language or learning to do math (see https://news.mit.edu/2020/brain-reading-computer-code-1215). This means you should complete all the assigned online courses and exercises, and make use of the class time, Canvas discussion forums, office hours, and any supplementary resources provided (e.g., the Python textbook).

To stay motivated, it is important to consider why should you learn to code and how coding can improve your career prospect and open doors. Here are very cool animated videos on the basic concepts of coding by Karlie Kloss and TedTalk-Ed.

- "Coding is a superpower": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bwiln7v0fdc
- "Karlie Kloss Explains How Computers Work": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zeV-xWSJoU
- "Variables, Functions, and Arrays with Karlie Kloss": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXkGONNYKHo
- "Think like a coder" (10 episodes): https://youtu.be/KFVdHDMcepw

To understand your suitability, I encourage you to check out the two free online courses that we will assign as assignments during the first three weeks. As always, you can always reach out to me at tang.kevin@ufl.edu to discuss your suitability.

- Note: As a UF student, the courses below are free (see instructions here: https://elearning.ufl.edu/supported-services/linkedin-learning/)
- Course 1: Python Essential Training (estimated duration: 4h 45m) by Bill Weinman https://www.linkedin.com/learning/python-essential-training-2
- Course 2: Introducing Jupyter by Josh McQuiston (estimated duration: 53m) https://www.linkedin.com/learning/introducing-jupyter/

Course website

- There is a course website on Canvas
- Let me know if you are not on the site.

Textbook and Reading list

Main textbook (Second edition):

- Jurafsky, Daniel and James H. Martin (Sept. 2008). Speech and Language Processing: An Introduction to Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics, and Speech Recognition (2nd edition). Prentice Hall. Isbn: 0131873210.
- Make sure you get the second edition! Within the second edition, the hardcover "US edition" is preferred, but you can also buy the "international edition" (which might be cheaper). There's also an ebook version of the second edition (which again might be cheaper). They differ mostly only in a few exercises at the end of each chapter.

Supplementary textbook (Freely available online):

• Freely available online: https://www.nltk.org/book/

- Dickinson, Brew, and Meuers (2013), Language and Computers
- Available for reading online through the UF library (and download up to 51 pages)

Python textbook (Available at UF):

• Available for download as an ebook through the UF library

Programming Web Resources (Available at UF):

- Note: As a UF student, the LinkedIn courses below are free (see instructions here: https://elearning.ufl.edu/supported-services/linkedin-learning/)
- Course 1: Python Essential Training (estimated duration: 4h 45m) by Bill Weinman https://www.linkedin.com/learning/python-essential-training-2
- Course 2: Introducing Jupyter by Josh McQuiston (estimated duration: 53m) https://www.linkedin.com/learning/introducing-jupyter/
- Course 3 (Optional, but recommended): https://www.linkedin.com/learning/pythonfunctions-for-data-science/
- Additionally, there are numerous online resources for Python, and you may find them a convenient supplement to the Hetland book, especially if you're an experienced programmer. https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/, and https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-python.
- If you have a specific problem or question, Stack Overflow is a good place to look for answers: stackoverflow.com. I recommend searching the site for your question before asking it yourself.
- Learning how to google specific questions to debug is highly recommended (http://letmegooglethat.com/)
- Readings from the textbooks will be supplemented by other readings and materials throughout the semester (made available on the website for the course).

Course requirements

- 1. Lectures and Reading: The content of the course will be presented through lectures and reading assignments. You should attend lectures and complete the reading assignment by the date of the lecture with which the reading is associated. The material in the lectures and readings will not be identical, so you will need to both attend lectures and do the readings to succeed. Homework and quizzes will presume familiarity with both the readings and the lectures.
- 2. **Quizzes:** There will be a number of short quizzes in this course which are designed to test your conceptual knowledge of computational linguistics.
- 3. **Programming assessments**: There will be a number of programming assignments.
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- H: Hetland (2008)
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	Syllabus	Optional)	
	Python: Intro	LinkedIn Learning	
W2	Python: Intro	LinkedIn Learning	
W3	Python: Data types & Files	H: Ch 2-4, (Ch 11: Optional)	Programming assessment
	Python: Control & Reg Exp		
	Text Normalization	J&M: Ch 8	
W4	Lab: Text Processing	BKL: Ch 1,2,3	Programming assessment
	Edit Distance	J&M: Ch 3	
	The Noisy Channel	J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch2	
W5	The Noisy Channel	J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch 2	HW 1 set,
			programming assessment
	N-Grams	J&M: Ch 4	
W6	N-Grams	J&M: Ch 4	HW 1 due
	Lab: N-Grams		
W7	Machine Learning: Overview	T. Mitchel. (2017)	Project milestone 1 due
	Evaluation and Error	Resnik & Lin (2010),	
	analysis	Kummerfeld et al. (2012)	
W8	Evaluation and Error	Resnik & Lin (2010),	HW 2 set
	analysis	Kummerfeld et al. (2012)	
	Regression and	J&M: Ch 6	
	Maximum Entropy		
W9	Regression and	J&M: Ch 6	HW 2 due,
	Maximum Entropy		Project milestone 2 due
	Lab: Regression		
W10	Part of Speech tagging	J&M: Ch 5	
W11	Lab: Tagging	BKL: Ch 5	HW 3 Set,

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			Project milestone
			3 due
	Vector Semantics	TBD	
W12	Vector Semantics		HW 3 due
	Lab: Semantics		
	Naive Bayes	TBD	
	Classification		
W13	Sentiment Analysis	TBD	HW 4 Set
	Sentiment, Affect, and		
	Connotation		
W14	Lab: Sentiment		HW 4 due
	Analysis		
	Modelling Grammar	TBD	
	Modelling Intuitions	TBD	
W15	Ethics		Project milestone
			4 due
	Poster session		

Full references:

Bird, Steven, Ewan Klein, and Edward Loper (2009). Natural language processing with Python: analyzing text with the natural language toolkit. O'Reilly Media, Inc.

Hetland, Magnus Lie (2008). Beginning Python from Novice to Professional. Wiley. Jurafsky, Daniel and James H. Martin (Sept. 2008). Speech and Language Processing: An Introduction to Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics, and Speech

Recognition (2nd edition). Prentice Hall. Isbn: 0131873210.

Mitchell, T.M.: Key Ideas in Machine Learning.

http://www.cs.cmu.edu/%7Etom/mlbook/keyIdeas.pdf (2017). Accessed 28 Jan 2019 Resnik, P. & J. Lin (2010), Evaluation of nlp systems, in A. Clark, C. Fox, &

S. Lappin (eds.), Handbook of Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

Kummerfeld, J. K., Hall, D., Curran, J. R., & Klein, D. (2012, July). Parser showdown at the wall street corral: An empirical investigation of error types in parser output. In Proceedings of the 2012 Joint Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and Computational Natural Language Learning (pp. 1048-1059).

LIN5XXX Introduction to Computational Linguistics Instructor: Dr. Kevin Tang

General Information

Course description

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This course is for YOU if you have ever wondered: How your phone can do predictive texting? How does a computer understand the syntax of a sentence? How Amazon can process billions of reviews? How to automatically process large corpora (big data)? How to discover linguistic structures from language data automatically? How to model our linguistic intuitions of grammaticality?

This course is for YOU if you want to build a foundation for areas such as data science, the tech industry https://www.linguisticsociety.org/resource/webinar-linguists-and-linguistics-tech or for applying for a Master's in Computational Linguistics.

This course is for YOU if you want to create a computational linguistics project like these ones by last year's students: https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/2020/04/20/intro2compling-symposium-spring2020/.

In this class, we will survey various topics and tasks in computational linguistics. While we will cover some of the basics of Natural Language Processing (which we will consider a separate subfield), this class will not focus on one specific approach (such as deep learning). Students in this class are expected to have a background in either computer science or linguistics, but not necessarily both. Expect this class to be difficult at times and easy at others. We hope to offer something new and interesting for everyone.

Please also check out this page to learn more about computational linguistics at UF: https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/computational-linguistics/

Objectives

On completion of this course, you should:

• Be able to use computational linguistic tools and resources, and be able to describe how they are applied in research in both computational linguistics and other subfields

- Have a rough sense of the state of the art in this subfield
- Be able to conceptualize problems from the perspective of computational linguistics
- Be able to code in Python and use JyputerNotebook.

Time and place

WHERE: TBA WHEN: TBA

Instructor information

Instructor: Dr. Kevin Tang - https://slam.lin.ufl.edu/ Email: • tang.kevin@ufl.edu

Offices:

• 4017 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611-5454

Office hours:

- TBD or by appointment.
- For information on what are office hours and how to make use of them properly see: http://lsc.cornell.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/What-Are-Office-Hours.pdf.

Requirements

Prerequisites

None

Programming training

Programming is not the focus of this course, but knowing how to program is an essential skill needed to do computational linguistics. I have engineered a number of ways to get you all up to speed with programming.

- The first three weeks will cover a brief introduction to programming in Python, with a particular focus on learning how to process written text, and JyputerNotebook (an interactive computational environment).
- Two free online courses will be assigned as assignments in a flipped class room format.
- After these first few weeks, you should have a basic foundation of Python to be able to tackle non-coding related course components.
- The course will include a complementary survey of the **Python Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)** which lowers the need of coding for certain topics of the course.

Note that the programming training will not be entirely comprehensive as one can never finish

learning to code. You need to be prepared to be **highly motivated** when it comes to learning how to code using Python. Learning to code is *not* like learning a language or learning to do math (see https://news.mit.edu/2020/brain-reading-computer-code-1215). This means you should complete all the assigned online courses and exercises, and make use of the class time, Canvas discussion forums, office hours, and any supplementary resources provided (e.g., the Python textbook).

To stay motivated, it is important to consider why should you learn to code and how coding can improve your career prospect and open doors. Here are very cool animated videos on the basic concepts of coding by Karlie Kloss and TedTalk-Ed.

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Course website

- There is a course website on Canvas
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Textbook and Reading list

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Supplementary textbook (Freely available online):

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If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352-392-1575 so that a U Matter We Care team member can reach out to the student in distress.

Course outline

Readings should be completed **before** the class date listed.

Acronyms:

- J&M: Jurafsky and Martin (2008)
- L&C: Language and Computer (2013)
- H: Hetland (2008)
- BKL: Bird et al (2009)

Week	Торіс	Reading	Assignment
W1	Introduction and	J&M: Ch 1 (L&C Ch 1:	
	Syllabus	Optional)	
	Python: Intro	LinkedIn Learning	
W2	Python: Intro	LinkedIn Learning	
W3	Python: Data types & Files	H: Ch 2-4, (Ch 11: Optional)	Programming assessment
	Python: Control & Reg Exp		
	Text Normalization	J&M: Ch 8	
W4	Lab: Text Processing	BKL: Ch 1,2,3	Programming assessment
	Edit Distance	J&M: Ch 3	
	The Noisy Channel	J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch2	
W5	The Noisy Channel	J&M: Ch 5, L&C: Ch 2	HW 1 set,
			programming assessment
	N-Grams	J&M: Ch 4	
W6	N-Grams	J&M: Ch 4	HW 1 due
	Lab: N-Grams		
W7	Machine Learning: Overview	T. Mitchel. (2017)	Project milestone 1 due
	Evaluation and Error	Resnik & Lin (2010),	
	analysis	Kummerfeld et al. (2012)	
W8	Evaluation and Error	Resnik & Lin (2010),	HW 2 set
	analysis	Kummerfeld et al. (2012)	
	Regression and	J&M: Ch 6	
	Maximum Entropy		
W9	Regression and	J&M: Ch 6	HW 2 due,
	Maximum Entropy		Project milestone 2 due
	Lab: Regression		
W10	Part of Speech tagging	J&M: Ch 5	
W11	Lab: Tagging	BKL: Ch 5	HW 3 Set,

Week	Торіс	Reading	Assignment
			Project milestone
			3 due
	Vector Semantics	TBD	
W12	Vector Semantics		HW 3 due
	Lab: Semantics		
	Naive Bayes	TBD	
	Classification		
W13	Sentiment Analysis	TBD	HW 4 Set
	Sentiment, Affect, and		
	Connotation		
W14	Lab: Sentiment		HW 4 due
	Analysis		
	Modelling Grammar	TBD	
	Modelling Intuitions	TBD	
W15	Ethics		Project milestone
			4 due
	Poster session		

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