CS 5683: Big Data Analytics
Fall 2023

Course Information:
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Lectures: Monday, Wednesday 1:30pm – 2:45pm
Classroom: Nancy Randolph Davis 4A
Credits: 3

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Prerequisites:
• CS 5513 Numerical Computation (with ‘C’ or better grade) OR permission of instructor (mandatory)
• Intermediate skills with algorithms and data structures
• Fundamentals of Python programming, and Jupyter notebook
• Familiarity with basic probability theory and linear algebra
• Familiarity with rigorous algorithm analysis and writing proofs

Other information: The class will follow Canvas. All course announcements, assignments, instructions, grades, and course materials will be posted in Canvas.

Course Description: This course will discuss several data mining and machine learning algorithms for big data analytics: clustering, recommendation systems, big graph mining, data stream analysis, large-scale machine learning, natural language processing, and data visualizations. The course includes hands-on experience for big data frameworks and algorithms with tutorials and assignments. All programming assignments will be based on Python programming. Prior experience in machine learning or any big data tools is not required.

May not be used for degree credit with MSIS 5683.
Topics
Following is the tentative syllabus for the course. It is intended to change based on availability of time.

1. Introduction to Big Data – Challenges & Opportunities
2. Dimensionality Reduction
   a. Eigen values and eigenvectors
   b. Singular Value Decomposition
   c. CUR decomposition
   d. Non-Negative Matrix Factorization
   e. t-SNE
3. Recommender systems
   a. Content-based model
   b. Collaborative filtering
   c. Bias and Fairness
4. Machine Learning for Big (text) Data
   a. Clustering
   b. Unsupervised Neural Networks
      i. Auto-encoders
      ii. Attention (Transformers)
   c. Document similarity and retrieval
   d. Other NLP problems like sentiment analysis
5. Intro. to Data Visualization with Tableau
   a. Creating dashboards
   b. Telling a story with big data and visualization
6. Network Mining
   a. Introduction to (social) networks
   b. Link analysis
      i. PageRank
      ii. Personalized PageRank
   c. Machine learning for graphs
      i. Skip-gram models
      ii. Graph neural networks
      iii. Graph attention networks
   d. Community detection (Tentative)
      i. Motif-based clustering
      ii. Louvain algorithm
7. Data Stream Mining (Tentative)
   a. Sampling and Querying
   b. Filtering data streams
   c. Counting elements in data streams
   d. Online learning to integrate ML with streams
8. Introduction to Distributed Computing
   a. Apache Spark + MLlib + GraphX
   b. Distributed deep learning (Tentative)
**Grading:**
There are only 3 activities in the course throughout the semester: Quizzes, Assignments, and Final project. All activities will be in Canvas. Quizzes will include programming, multiple-choice, and theory questions. All assignments will be based on Python programming along with problem solving tasks. All submissions will be on Canvas. The final project presentation will be on the pre-finals week of the semester. Attendance is not mandatory, but class participation (both in-class and Canvas discussion boards) will be utilized for the Class participation grade. We are planning a total of 4-5 assignments and 4 quizzes.

**Grading split:**
- Quizzes: 20%
- Assignments: 50%
- Class participation: 10%
- Final project: 20%

**Assignments Policy:**

**Assignments:** The assignments are programming based and are much broader activities which may takes substantial amount of time to complete. We will give two to three weeks of time to complete and turn-in your submissions on Canvas. Assignments can be both independent and team based.

**Code of conduct:** We follow OSU students code of conduct extremely seriously. The standard penalty for students who jeopardize the code of conduct is suspension from the course or even from the university. We recommend students to work as team and discuss about assignments and projects. However, each student should write their answers independently for assignment/project submission. Find more details at: More details at: [https://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/site-files/documents/ai-handbook-faculty-personnel.pdf](https://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/site-files/documents/ai-handbook-faculty-personnel.pdf)

**AI Policy:** This course will follow OSU’s AI policy in using generative tools for assignments and the final project: "Students may access and use generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, or Bard, to assist them in their learning of the course content. Appropriate uses may include generating ideas for writing assignments, checking facts of a phenomenon, and assessing a paper for grammatical errors that are written by the student. Such uses of the tool assist students in learning the content and will therefore be permitted. However, students are prohibited from using generative AI tools to completely produce, reproduce, and/or manufacture paper and/or other assignments without using any personal effort devoted to the learning process. Before using generative AI tools, students should check to ensure they do not conflict with copyright laws or other's proprietary information."

**Questions:** Post your questions on discussion board or email instructor/TA. We will try hard to reply as soon as possible. You can expect our reply anytime within 12 hours of your question. Please do not post questions in last few hours of the deadline.
**Late submissions:** Students have a total of **2 grace periods** for both assignments and projects. Each grace period will extend your deadline by one week.

**Regrading:** We try our best to make fair and consistent grading for all activities. So, the grades you receive are very unlikely to change significantly. However, if you want to regrade your work, email us your requests within a week after receiving your grades. We do not consider requests coming one week after the grades are posted.

**Books:**
Books are not mandatory for this course. Following are good books to read for this course:


**ALERTS AND RESCHEDULING**
If the OSU campus officially closes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, alerts are provided to local news media and posted on the OSU website. Missed exams, classes, or assignments may be rescheduled at times outside the normal meeting schedule. If valid, documented circumstances prohibit students from attending the rescheduled classes, instructors should provide reasonable alternative means for makeup work.

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PRE-FINALS WEEK POLICY
Final examinations are scheduled at the end of each semester and are preceded by pre-finals week, which begins seven days prior to the first day of finals. During pre-finals week, all normal class activities will continue; however, no assignment, test, or examination accounting for more than 5% of the course grade may be given; and no activity or field trip may be scheduled that conflicts with another class. This excludes makeup and laboratory examinations, out-of-class assignments (or projects) made prior to pre-finals week and independent study courses. No student or campus organization may hold meetings, banquets, receptions, or may sponsor or participate in any activity, program, or related function that requires student participation. For additional information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 405-744-5627, 101 Whitehurst.

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STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES
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According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of the disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualifying disability and need accommodations, contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services to start the registration process and to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process to verify the existence of a qualified disability and identify reasonable accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of accommodations but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.
By enrolling at Oklahoma State University, you accept responsibility for complying with all University policies and contracts, and for local, state and federal laws on- or off-campus that relate to the University’s mission. **The Student Code of Conduct** educates students about their civic and social responsibilities including policies and procedures involving student misconduct.

In general, the University expects students to aspire to follow and promote the Cowboy Community Standards or integrity, community, social justice, respect, and responsibility.

**WHERE TO GO FOR HELP**

**Instructor** - Talk to your instructor if you have questions regarding your class. Faculty members usually include their office hours, e-mail, and/or phone number in the class syllabus. If you cannot locate this information, set a time to meet with your instructor by speaking with them before or immediately following your class session or check with the departmental office on when the instructor may be available. Office hours may be in person or virtual, so students are strongly encouraged to confirm the format and available times with their instructor.

**Academic Advisor** - All students will benefit by conferring with an advisor regularly. If you do not know your advisor, you may log in to my.okstate.edu to locate their contact information. Advising appointments may be in person or virtual, so students are strongly encouraged to confirm the format when requesting an appointment. If you need to see an advisor in person, please contact your advisor or college advising office to let them know so arrangements can be made.

*This course strictly follows Oklahoma State University’s academic policies. Get the current set of policies at: [https://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/site-files/documents/fall-2023-syllabus-attachment-final-7-27-2023.pdf](https://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/site-files/documents/fall-2023-syllabus-attachment-final-7-27-2023.pdf)*

**USEFUL OSU LINKS:**

- **CAS Career Services Team:**  
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- **CAS Career Services Events (Fall 2022):**  
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