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School of Computing

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General Information

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Corequisites

Co-badged status
COMP6420

Unit description
Availability of digital data in increasingly larger volumes, both as text and images, has enabled machine learning to provide effective solutions to applications that require intelligent processing of text and images. This unit explores the use of Artificial Intelligence techniques, in particular deep learning techniques, for tasks related to the processing of text and computer vision. Application areas include text search, sentiment analysis, information extraction, and image recognition.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify the range of text processing and computer vision applications that benefit from the use of Artificial Intelligence.
ULO2: Explain the fundamental Artificial Intelligence techniques in text processing and computer vision.

ULO3: Design systems that use deep learning techniques for tasks related to text processing and computer vision.

ULO4: Implement text processing and computer vision applications using a programming language.

**General Assessment Information**

The assessment of this unit consists of three assignments and a final exam. You will submit the solutions to the three assignments via iLearn by the due date. The final examination is a closed book examination, and will be taken in person during the exam period.

**Late Assessment Submission Penalty**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark of the task) will be applied for each day a written report or presentation assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. The submission time for all uploaded assessments is **11:55 pm**. A 1-hour grace period will be provided to students who experience a technical concern. For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, please apply for **Special Consideration**.

**Assessments where Late Submissions will be accepted**

- Assignment 1 - YES, Standard Late Penalty applies
- Assignment 2 - YES, Standard Late Penalty applies
- Assignment 3 - YES, Standard Late Penalty applies
- Exam - NO, unless Special Consideration is Granted

**Supplementary Exam**

If you receive **Special Consideration** for the final exam, a supplementary exam will be scheduled after the normal exam period, following the release of marks. By making a special consideration application for the final exam you are declaring yourself available for a resit during the supplementary examination period and will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to submitting an application. Approved applicants will receive an individual notification one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of their supplementary examination.

**Requirements to Pass this Unit**

To pass this unit, you must achieve a total mark equal or greater than 50%. This unit does not have hurdle assessments.
Special Consideration

The Special Consideration Policy aims to support students who have been impacted by short-term circumstances or events that are serious, unavoidable and significantly disruptive, and which may affect their performance in assessment. If you experience circumstances or events that affect your ability to complete the assessments in this unit on time, please inform the convenor and submit a Special Consideration request through ask.mq.edu.au.

Assessment Tasks

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Assignment 1

Assessment Type 1: Programming Task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Week 3
Weighting: 10%

Implement a simple text processing or computer vision application that uses pre-packaged tools.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify the range of text processing and computer vision applications that benefit from the use of Artificial Intelligence.
- Explain the fundamental Artificial Intelligence techniques in text processing and computer vision.
- Design systems that use deep learning techniques for tasks related to text processing and computer vision.
- Implement text processing and computer vision applications using a programming language.

Assignment 2

Assessment Type 1: Programming Task
Implement a text processing or computer vision application that uses simple deep learning techniques.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Identify the range of text processing and computer vision applications that benefit from the use of Artificial Intelligence.
- Explain the fundamental Artificial Intelligence techniques in text processing and computer vision.
- Design systems that use deep learning techniques for tasks related to text processing and computer vision.
- Implement text processing and computer vision applications using a programming language.

Assignment 3
Assessment Type: Programming Task
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 9 (10%) and 12 (15%)
Weighting: 25%

Implement a text or computer vision application that uses complex deep learning techniques and realistic data which may require preprocessing or cleaning.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Identify the range of text processing and computer vision applications that benefit from the use of Artificial Intelligence.
- Explain the fundamental Artificial Intelligence techniques in text processing and computer vision.
- Design systems that use deep learning techniques for tasks related to text processing and computer vision.
- Implement text processing and computer vision applications using a programming language.
Final exam

Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 10 hours
Due: Examination period
Weighting: 50%

The final exam will focus on the theoretical aspects of the unit. There will be few questions about implementation issues.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Identify the range of text processing and computer vision applications that benefit from the use of Artificial Intelligence.
• Explain the fundamental Artificial Intelligence techniques in text processing and computer vision.

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

• the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
• the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

During most of the weeks, there will be 2 hours of lectures and 2 hours of Practicals. All the required software will be installed in the computers of the PC labs allocated for the Practicals but you are free to bring your own device and install the software.

Lectures and practicals start on Week 1.

Delivery Modes

All lectures and Practicals are delivered in campus. The lectures will also be recorded and recordings of the lecture will be available via iLearn. There will not be recordings of the Practical sessions.

Methods of Communication

We will communicate with you via your university email or through announcements in iLearn. Queries to convenors can be made via the Contact tool in iLearn or sent to diego.molla-
Reading

Every week there will be a list of required and recommended readings. The list will be maintained in iLearn.

Most of the contents of the unit will be based on the following books:

- Dan Jurafsky and James H. Martin (2023), Speech and Language Processing (3rd ed. draft). Available online.

Software

The main software for this unit is Anaconda for Python 3.11 with the following packages:

1. numpy
2. scipy
3. pandas
4. nltk
5. scikit-learn
6. scikit-image
7. gensim
8. tensorflow
9. opencv
10. pillow

Unit Web Page

Note that the majority of the unit materials is publicly available while some material requires you to log in to iLearn to access it.

The unit will make extensive use of discussion boards hosted within iLearn. Please post questions there, they will be monitored by the staff on the unit.
COVID Information
For the latest information on the University’s response to COVID-19, please refer to the Coronavirus infection page on the Macquarie website: https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs. Remember to check this page regularly in case the information and requirements change during semester. If there are any changes to this unit in relation to COVID, these will be communicated via iLearn.

Unit Schedule
The following schedule is tentative and is only an indication of the actual contents. The final schedule will be available in iLearn.

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Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- **Workshops**
- **Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader**
- **Access StudyWISE**
- **Upload an assignment to Studiosity**
• Complete the Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

• Subject and Research Guides
• Ask a Librarian

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

• IT Support
• Accessibility and disability support with study
• Mental health support
• Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
• Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues
• Student Advocacy provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

There are no major changes from the previous offering.