Natural language processing (NLP) is a crucial part of artificial intelligence (AI), which aims to endow computers with the ability to process human language. This course gives an overview of modern deep learning techniques for natural language processing. The course starts with basic linguistic concepts in NLP and moves from shallow bag-of-words representations to richer structural embeddings, which is the foundation for the successful use of deep learning in NLP. Then the course will guide you through three fundamental tasks of NLP: language modeling (LM), natural language understanding (NLU), and natural language generation (NLG), followed by some recent advances such as BERT and adversarial learning. Along the way we will introduce cutting-edge computational models together with insights from a linguistic perspective.

Advisory: Students are expected to have the background of deep learning, machine learning, linear algebra, programming, and data structure.

Grade Descriptor:

A

EXCELLENT – exceptionally good performance and far exceeding expectation in all or most of the course learning outcomes; demonstration of superior understanding of the subject matter, the ability to analyze problems and apply extensive knowledge, and skillful use of concepts and materials to derive proper solutions.

B

GOOD – good performance in all course learning outcomes and exceeding expectation in some of them; demonstration of good understanding of the subject matter and the ability to use proper concepts and materials to solve most of the problems encountered.

C

有關等級說明的資料，請參閱英文版本。
FAIR – adequate performance and meeting expectation in all course learning outcomes; demonstration of adequate understanding of the subject matter and the ability to solve simple problems.

D

MARGINAL – performance barely meets the expectation in the essential course learning outcomes; demonstration of partial understanding of the subject matter and the ability to solve simple problems.

F

FAILURE – performance does not meet the expectation in the essential course learning outcomes; demonstration of serious deficiencies and the need to retake the course.

Equivalent Offering:
Units: 3 (Min) / 3 (Max) / 3 (Acad Progress)
Grading Basis: Graded
Repeat for Credit: N
Multiple Enroll: N
Course Attributes: MSc Computer Science, MPhil-PhD Computer Sci & Erg

Topics:

COURSE OUTCOMES
Learning Outcomes:
At the end of the course of studies, students will have acquired the ability to
1. Understand basic concepts in NLP from both computational and linguistic perspectives
2. Understand fundamental tasks in NLP and its representative applications
3. Hands-on techniques to preprocess and analyze texts
4. Implement deep learning models to resolve some simple real-world applications, such as sentiment analysis for tweets and dialog agents

Course Syllabus:
At the end of the course of studies, students will have acquired

1. Knowledge in basic concepts of Natural Language Processing and Deep Learning
2. Knowledge in word embedding models and algorithms
3. Knowledge in language modeling techniques and approaches
4. Knowledge in natural language understanding and generation models and algorithms
5. Knowledge in some applications of natural language processing

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Feedback for Evaluation:
1. Quiz and examinations
2. Course evaluation and questionnaire
3. Question-and-answer sessions during class
4. Student consultation during office hours or online

Required Readings:
To be provided by course instructor.
Recommended Readings:

1. Jacob Eisenstein, "Introduction to Natural Language Processing", The MIT Press, 2019


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Enrollment Requirement Group:
For students in MSc Computer Science; or
For students in MPhil-PhD Computer Science & Engineering; or
For undergraduate students in Computer Science (CSCIU & CSCIN) or Computer Engineering (CENGU & CENGN)

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