F21DL Data Mining and Machine Learning

**COURSE DETAILS**

Course Code: F21DL  
Full Course Title: Data Mining and Machine Learning  
SCQF Level: 11  
SCAF Credits: 15  
Available as Elective: No

**DELIVERY LEVEL**

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Additional Information:

**COURSE AIMS**

In this course, students will develop:

- An understanding of the fundamental concepts and techniques used in data mining and machine learning.
- An understanding of the mathematics underpinning data mining and machine learning.
- A critical awareness of the appropriateness of different data mining and machine learning techniques and the relationships between them.
- Familiarity with common applications of data mining and machine learning techniques.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY**

- Extensive understanding of the data mining process and machine learning algorithms.
- Detailed understanding of the mathematics underpinning the data mining and machine learning methodologies.
- Critical awareness of the appropriateness and performance of the different techniques, as well as the relationships between them.
- Critical awareness of data quality and the appropriate use of data mining and machine learning for decision making.
- Ability to apply this knowledge for practical data mining and machine learning purposes

The students will develop their research abilities, and in particular:

- Ability to conduct quantitative and qualitative research on real-life, complex data sets
- Ability to ask own research questions about the hidden properties of data
- Ability to ask own research questions about suitability of certain machine learning methods and algorithms for
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- Demonstrate originality and creativity in the application of knowledge

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES**

*The students will be expected to:*

- Show capacity for rational problem identification and definition.
- Show capacity for critical analysis and solution selection, deal with complex issues and make informed judgements.
- Use appropriate computer software to process data, and to support and enhance the research tasks.

*The students will be expected to:*

- Demonstrate the ability to learn independently and demonstrate leadership/initiative in tackling research problems.
- Manage time, work to deadlines, and prioritise workloads.

*The students will be expected to:*

- Use a wide range of resources to present results in a way that demonstrates a good understanding of the technical and broader issues of data mining and machine learning.
- Communicate with peers and more senior colleagues.

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**SYLLABUS**
**Basic Concepts:** datasets, dealing with missing data, classification, supervised vs unsupervised learning.

**Generative Models:** naïve Bayes, probabilistic graphical models, cluster analysis (such as k-means clustering, EM algorithm).

**Discriminative Learning:** linear regression, decision tree learning, perceptron, advanced models such as multi-layer perceptron and deep learning architectures.

**LOCATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS**

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