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COMP522

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Instructor Contact Details

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Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 28 Jun 2026 to 17 Jul 2026
Modes: Face-to-face
Location: Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Units of Credit

The course is worth 6 units of credit.

Credit Hours

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semester-long course.

Contact Hours

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

Course Description:

This course covers essential representations, techniques, and architectural foundations used in building intelligent systems. The course is a comprehensive introduction to the core concepts, techniques, and methodologies that underlie the field of artificial intelligence (AI). AI is centered around programming computers to perform tasks typically associated with intelligent behavior, including game playing, problem-solving, pattern recognition, and more. Through both theoretical exploration and hands-on practical components, students will gain a strong understanding of the fundamental methods and algorithms of AI and their applications to a wide range of real-world problems.

Prerequisite:

N/A

Learning Resources

- Russell, S.J., Artificial Intelligence, a Modern Approach. 4th edition, Pearson, 2021

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- AI Foundations: Develop a solid understanding of the foundational concepts and principles of artificial intelligence.
- Problem Solving: Master various AI techniques for problem-solving, including heuristic search and game playing.
- Machine Learning: Gain insights into machine learning methods and their applications in AI.
- Neural Networks: Understand the architecture and functioning of neural networks as a fundamental component of AI.
- Probabilistic Reasoning: Explore the use of probabilistic reasoning in AI for decision-making and pattern recognition.

Course Delivery:

- Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class

and after-class activities, revision, and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and other sessions will be run during weekdays.

Topics and Course Schedule:

WK	Topic	Activities
1	Introduction of Artificial Intelligence	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Problem Solving	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Adversarial Search and Games	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Knowledge, reasoning, and planning	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Uncertain knowledge and reasoning	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Probabilistic Reasoning	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Probabilistic Programming	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Multiagent Decision Making	Lecture; Tutorial
2	In-class Test	Closed book
2	Machine Learning	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Learning Probabilistic Models	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Communicating, perceiving, and acting	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Robotics	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Philosophy, Ethics, and Safety of AI	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Revision	Tutorial
3	Final Exam	Closed book

Assessments:

Class participation	15%
Class works	15%
Critical review	20%
Final exam	50%

Pass Requirement (Double Pass Rule)

To pass this course, students are required to achieve:

- an overall mark of 50% or above, and
- a pass mark (50% or above) in the Final Examination.

Students who achieve an overall mark of 50% or above but do not achieve a pass in the Final Examination will receive a fail grade for the course.

Grade Descriptors:

HD	High Distinction	85-100
D	Distinction	75-84
Cr	Credit	65-74
P	Pass	50-64
F	Fail	0-49

High Distinction 85-100

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding, and analysis.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate.
- All criteria addressed to a high level.

Distinction 75-84

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis Work is well-written and stylistically strong.
- All criteria addressed strongly.

Credit 65-74

- Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas
- Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors.
- All criteria addressed clearly.

Pass 50-64

- Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors.
- Most criteria addressed adequately.

Fail 0-49

- Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task, major problems with expression.
- Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programs of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

Policy

The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University. The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.

Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered. The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this policy. The following penalties may be imposed:

- ✓ Expulsion
- ✓ Suspension
- ✓ Zero mark /fail grade

- ✓ Marking down
- ✓ Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports, and
- ✓ Verbal or written warning

