



IDENTIFYING DATA

Language modelling

Subject	Language modelling		
Code	O06M193V01204		
Study programme	Máster universitario en Inteligencia artificial		
Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year
	3	Optional	1st
Teaching language	English		
Department			
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General description	The course introduces the student to the modeling of human language, i.e. the generation of models that allow estimating the plausibility of a text, an essential phase in the design of any application based on the exploitation of its communicative mechanisms. The student will be trained to master the theoretical principles and techniques that allow their construction, both those based on discrete representations of the elements of the language and on continuous representations. Special attention will be given to modeling in contexts of scarce linguistic resources, whether this is motivated by the treatment of novel domains of knowledge or by the exploitation of languages of limited diffusion.		

Training and Learning Results

Code	
A1	CB6 - Possess and understand knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context
A2	CB7 - Students should be able to apply their acquired knowledge and problem-solving skills in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their area of study.
A5	CB10 - That students possess the learning skills that will enable them to continue studying in a manner that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.
B1	Maintain and extend sound theoretical approaches to enable the introduction and exploitation of new and advanced technologies in the field of Artificial Intelligence.
B3	Search and select useful information needed to solve complex problems, handling with fluency the bibliographic sources of the field.
B4	Elaborate adequately and with certain originality written compositions or motivated arguments, write plans, work projects, scientific articles and formulate reasonable hypotheses in the field.
C1	Understanding and mastering techniques for text processing in natural language
C2	Understanding and mastery of the fundamentals and techniques of semantic processing of linked, structured, and unstructured documents, and of the representation of their content.
C3	Understanding and knowledge of the techniques of representation and processing of knowledge through ontologies, graphs, and RDF, as well as the tools associated with them.
D2	Master the oral and written expression and comprehension of a foreign language.
D3	Utilizar las herramientas básicas de las tecnologías de la información y las comunicaciones (TIC) necesarias para el ejercicio de su profesión y para el aprendizaje a lo largo de su vida.
D7	Develop the ability to work in interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary teams to offer proposals that contribute to sustainable environmental, economic, political and social development.
D8	Value the importance of research, innovation and technological development in the socioeconomic and cultural progress of society.

Expected results from this subject	
Expected results from this subject	Training and Learning Results
To know how to use the techniques and methods of natural language processing to solve real problems of analysis of texts in natural language.	A2 A5 B1 B3 B4 C1 C3 D2 D3 D7
To know, understand and analyze deep learning techniques applied to natural language processing.	A1 A2 A5 B1 B3 C1 C2 D2 D3 D7 D8
To know how to use deep learning techniques and methods to solve practical problems in natural language processing.	A1 A2 A5 B1 B3 B4 C1 C2 D2 D3 D7 D8
To know and understand the environmental problems posed by the computational cost of deep learning techniques when applied to text analysis	A1 B1 C1 C2 D2 D8

Contents

Topic	
Language models	N-gram based language models Neural based language models
Distributional semantics models	Linguistic hypothesis about distributional meaning Classic models of distributional semantics Neural models representing static meaning (word embeddings) Neural models representing dynamic-contextual meaning Compositional models
Sequence labeling	Use and fine-tuning of models for sequence labeling
Text-To-Text models	Text-To-Text models

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Lecturing	10	10	20
Laboratory practical	5	15	20
Project based learning	6	28	34
Objective questions exam	1	0	1

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

Description

Lecturing	Teachers present a topic to students with the aim of providing a set of information with a specific scope.
Laboratory practical	The teachers of the discipline present to the students one or more practical problems that require the comprehension and application of the theoretical and practical contents included in the syllabus of the subject. Students can work on solving problems individually or as a team. These activities may require autonomous work, although guided by the teacher of the subject.
Project based learning	Students are presented with practical projects that require an important part of their total dedication to the topic. In addition, and due to the scope of the work to be performed, it is necessary for the student to use not only management skills, but also technical skills.

Personalized assistance

Methodologies	Description
Laboratory practical	The teachers will attend the students in individualized mentoring sessions, dedicated to the orientation in the study and to the resolution of doubts on the contents, duties and activities of the discipline.
Project based learning	The teachers will attend the students in individualized mentoring sessions, dedicated to the orientation in the study and to the resolution of doubts on the contents, duties and activities of the discipline.

Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results			
			A1	B1	C1	D2
Lecturing	Continuous monitoring of class attendance and student participation	5	A1	B1 B4	C1 C2	D2 D8
Project based learning	Deliveries of projects must be made within the period established in the virtual campus and must follow the specifications indicated in the assignment both for their presentation and their defense. Mandatory.	50	A1 A2 A5	B1 B3 B4	C1 C2 C3	D2 D3 D7 D8
Objective questions exam	Mastery of theoretical and operational knowledge of the subject will be assessed. Mandatory.	45	A1	B1 B4	C1 C2	D2 D8

Other comments on the Evaluation

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ALL STUDENTS IN ALL OPPORTUNITIES

Students must achieve a minimum of 40% of the maximum mark of the "Laboratory Practices" and "Objective Test" parts, and in any case the sum of the three parts must be greater than 5 to pass the subject. If any of the above requirements is not met, the grade for the course will be established according to the lowest grade obtained.

In case of not reaching the minimum score in the "Laboratory Practices" or "Objective Test" parts, the student will have a second opportunity in which only the delivery of the failed part will be required.

Grades will not be saved between academic years.

The delivery of the practicals must be done within the deadline established in the virtual campus and must follow the specifications indicated in the statement for both its presentation and defense.

The student who submits all the compulsory practicals or attends the objective test in the official evaluation period will be considered "Presented".

In the case of fraudulent completion of exercises or tests, the Regulations for the evaluation of the academic performance of students and review of grades will be applied. In application of the corresponding regulations on plagiarism, the total or partial copy of any practice or theory exercise will result in suspension on both occasions of the course, with a grade of 0.0 in both cases.

EXAM DATES

The official exam dates for the different opportunities, will be published on the ESEI

website: <https://esei.uvigo.es/docencia/exames/>

CONSULTATION/REQUEST OF TUTORING SESSIONS

Tutoring sessions schedules can be consulted through the faculty's personal page, available at

Sources of information

Basic Bibliography

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Jurafsky, Daniel & James H. Martin, **Vector Semantics and Embeddings**, <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/>, 2022

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Taher Pilehvar, Mohammad & Jose Camacho-Collados, José, **Embeddings in Natural Language Processing: Theory and Advances in Vector Representations of Meaning**, Computational Linguistics, 47(3), MIT Press, 2021

Recommendations

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Web intelligence and semantic technologies/O06M193V01205

Text mining/O06M193V01302

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Machine learning II/O06M193V01207

Deep learning/O06M193V01206

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Machine learning I/O06M193V01105

Natural language understanding/O06M193V01104

Other comments

All students are reminded of the prohibition of the use of mobile devices in exercises, practices and exams, in compliance with article 13.2.d) of the Statute of the University Student, regarding the duties of the university student body, which establishes the duty to "Refrain from using or cooperating in fraudulent procedures in assessment tests, in the work carried out or in official university documents."