

## COURSE DESCRIPTION – ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Machine Learning</b>
<b>Course code</b>	73006
<b>Scientific sector</b>	INF/01
<b>Degree</b>	Master in Computational Data Science (LM-18)
<b>Semester</b>	1
<b>Year</b>	1
<b>Credits</b>	6
<b>Modular</b>	No
<b>Total lecturing hours</b>	40
<b>Total lab hours</b>	20
<b>Attendance</b>	The attendance is not compulsory, but students are highly encouraged to attend both lectures and labs.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	
<b>Course page</b>	<a href="https://ole.unibz.it/">https://ole.unibz.it/</a>
<b>Specific educational objectives</b>	<p>The course belongs to the type "caratterizzanti – discipline informatiche" in the curricula "Data Analytics" and "Data Management".</p> <p>This course provides an introduction to machine learning concepts and techniques. Topics include: supervised learning (regression analysis, classification, and neural networks); unsupervised learning (clustering and dimensionality reduction); deep learning and reinforcement learning. The course will also discuss recent applications of machine learning with focus on text mining and web data processing.</p> <p>In this course, students will learn about the most important machine learning techniques. Together with the theoretical knowledge, students will gain the practical know-how needed to implement the learned techniques and powerfully apply them to new problems.</p>
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<b>Teaching language</b>	English
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<b>List of topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept learning</li> <li>• Resampling and model selection</li> <li>• Unsupervised learning</li> <li>• Supervised learning</li> <li>• Deep learning</li> <li>• Reinforcement learning</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching format</b>	Frontal lectures, labs, and assignments.

<p><b>Learning outcomes</b></p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D1.1 - Knowledge of the key concepts and technologies of data science disciplines</li> <li>• D1.7 - Knowledge of artificial intelligence techniques and methods for the implementation of intelligent systems</li> </ul> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D2.1 - Practical application and evaluation of tools and techniques in the field of data science</li> <li>• D2.2 - Ability to address and solve a problem using scientific methods</li> <li>• D2.6 - Ability to apply innovative techniques of data mining and machine learning to extract knowledge from complex and heterogeneous data</li> </ul> <p>Making judgments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D3.2 - Ability to autonomously select the documentation (in the form of books, web, magazines, etc.) needed to keep up to date in a given sector</li> </ul> <p>Communication skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D4.1 - Ability to use English at an advanced level with particular reference to disciplinary terminology</li> <li>• D4.3 - Ability to structure and draft scientific and technical documentation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment</b></p>	<p>Final written exam: with verification questions and problem-solving tests.          Assignments: consist in four homeworks with written questions and tasks that require some programming using Matlab/Octave/R.</p>
<p><b>Assessment language</b></p>	<p>English</p>
<p><b>Assessment Typology</b></p>	<p>Monocratic</p>
<p><b>Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks</b></p>	<p><b>Evaluation criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written final exam: 60% of the mark.</li> <li>• Assignments: 40% of the mark (10% each homework)</li> </ul> <p><b>Criteria for awarding marks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam: correctness and clarity of answers, the ability to adequately solve machine learning problems and to understand how to choose the right technique.</li> <li>• Assignments: ability to implement and apply machine learning algorithms in a real-world problem, creativity, and ability to work in team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Required readings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Introduction to Machine Learning (Alex Smola and S.V.N. Vishwanathan)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Introduction to Machine Learning (Nils J. Nilsson)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Understanding Machine Learning (Shai Shalev-Shwartz and Shai Ben-David)</a></li> </ul> <p>Subject Librarian: David Gebhardi, <a href="mailto:David.Gebhardi@unibz.it">David.Gebhardi@unibz.it</a></p>

**Software used**

MATLAB/Octave/R  
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