

PHYS7331 Fall 2017 Network Science Data: Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives:

The class is an introductory course on programming for Network and Data Scientists. In this course, students will learn the fundamentals of computer programming (e.g. control structures, data structures, algorithms, ..) with particular focus on applications to Network and Data Science. For example, the students will learn how to create a network and analyze its basic features using Python. The programming language used in this course is Python 3.6.x.

Co-Prerequisites:

PHYS5116; otherwise please contact the instructors before enrolling to the class.

Programming experience is not required. Instructors will provide extra tutorials if necessary.

Topics Overview:

- I. Basics of computer programming and Python basics (strings, lists, dictionaries, numbers, control-flow statements)
- II. Network data structures (e.g. adjacency matrices, edge lists, adjacency lists, ..)
- III. Introduction to Algorithms (e.g. breadth-search first, depth-first search, ..)
- IV. Data analysis and Visualization in Python (e.g. pandas, matplotlib, seaborn, ..)
- V. Advanced Python (e.g. web scraping and APIs, functional programming, object-oriented programming, code optimization, cython, map-reduce, ..)

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Logistics:

Date range: Sep 6, 2017 to Dec 16, 2017

Time: 5pm-7:10pm

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Venue: TBD

Class Materials, Announcements, and Communications:

All the materials, announcements, assignments will be posted on Piazza (<https://piazza.com/northeastern/fall2017/phys7331/>).

(Optional) Textbooks:

There is no required textbook for this class. Instructors will provide the required reading materials but the following textbooks/online materials are recommended:

1. *Python Data Science Handbook*, Jake VanderPlas, <https://github.com/jakevdp/PythonDataScienceHandbook>
2. *Google's Python class*, <https://developers.google.com/edu/python/>
3. *Scipy-Lectures*, <http://www.scipy-lectures.org/>
4. *Network Science*, Barabasi, <http://barabasilab.com/networksciencebook/>

Coursework:

- I. Take home exercises: 20%
- II. In class exercises and participation: 20%
- III. Midterms coding exams : 30%
- IV. Final coding exam: 30%

Coding exams:

- Students are going to implement - from scratch - some of the concepts outlined in class using Python programming language (version 3.6.x).
- Instructions on how to submit the assignments is going to be provided in class.

Academic Integrity:

The university views academic dishonesty as one of the most serious offenses that a student can commit while in graduate school and imposes appropriate sanctions on violations. Cheating on homework will not be tolerated. Please visit <http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/academic-integrity-policy/> for more information.

PHYS7331 Fall 2017 Tentative Schedule

WEEK	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
9/4/2017	No Class for Labor Day	Introduction to Python	
9/11/2017	Advanced Python	NumPy + Network Basics	
9/18/2017	Numpy + Matplotlib + Network Basics	Numpy + Matplotlib + Scipy + Network Basics	HW1 Released
9/25/2017	Fetching Data from the Web: HTML Parsing	Fetching Data from the Web: API theory	HW1 Deadline
10/2/2017	Fetching Data from the Web: Twitter API	Basic Python Wrap up/Exercise/Midterm 1	HW2 Released
10/9/2017	Introduction to OOP	Data Structure: Tree	HW2 Deadline
10/16/2017	Data structure: Graph	Algorithm: Introduction	HW3 Released
10/23/2017	Algorithm: DP	Algorithm: Greedy	HW3 Deadline
10/30/2017	Algorithm: Graph Search	Algorithm: Shortest-path I	
11/6/2017	Algorithm: Shortest-path II	Algorithm: MST	HW4 Released
11/13/2017	Algorithm: Binary Search Tree	Algorithm: Hash Tables	HW4 Deadline
11/20/2017	Algorithm Wrap up/Exercise/Midterm 2	No Class for Thanksgiving	
11/27/2017	Introduction to Cloud Computing	DB: SQL and BigQuery	
12/4/2017	TBA	TBA	
12/11/2017	Final Exam	Final Exam	