

4/1/4. Course Specification:

## **COURSE SPECIFICATIONS**

### Form

Course Title: Natural Language Processing

Course Code: 14016263-3

**Date:** 2018 –10 – 21.

**Institution:** Umm Al-Qura University

**College:** College of Computer and Information Systems **Department:** Department of Computer Science

### A. Course Identification and General Information

1. Course title and code: Natural Language Processing 14016263-3

2. Credit hours: 3

3. Program(s) in which the course is offered. Master of Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)  
(If general elective available in many programs indicate this rather than list programs)

4. Name of faculty member responsible for the course Dr. Muhammad Arif

5. Level/year at which this course is offered: 2

6. Pre-requisites for this course (if any):

7. Co-requisites for this course (if any):

8. Location if not on main campus:

9. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply):

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Traditional classroom            | <input type="text"/> | percentage? | <input type="text" value="100"/> |
| b. Blended (traditional and online) | <input type="text"/> | percentage? | <input type="text"/>             |
| c. E-learning                       | <input type="text"/> | percentage? | <input type="text"/>             |
| d. Correspondence                   | <input type="text"/> | percentage? | <input type="text"/>             |
| f. Other                            | <input type="text"/> | percentage? | <input type="text"/>             |

Comments:

## B Objectives

1. The main objective of this course

This course provides theoretical and practical knowledge of natural language processing (NLP).

2. Describe briefly any plans for developing and improving the course that are being implemented. (e.g. increased use of the IT or online reference material, changes in content as a result of new research in the field)

The contents will be prepared from globally recognized text books, web-based reference materials and latest research in the field. Practical home works and a term project related to latest tools and techniques will also be designed. At the end of the course, a seminar day can be announced in which students can present their course projects and literature review.

## C. Course Description (Note: General description in the form used in the program's bulletin or handbook)

### Course Description:

This course introduces computational linguistics, from morphology (word formation) and syntax (sentence structure) to semantics (meaning), and natural language processing applications such as parsing, machine translation, generation and dialog systems.

1. Topics to be Covered		
List of Topics	No. of Weeks	Contact hours
Basic Text Processing	1	3
Finite-state methods for morphology	1	3
N-gram Language Models	1	3
Word Classes and Part-of-Speech Tagging	1	3
Hidden Markov Model and Maximum Entropy Models	1	3
Grammar Formalisms and Treebanks	1	3
Parsing with Context Free Grammars	1	3
Statistical Parsing and Probabilistic Context Free Grammars	2	6
Lexical Semantics and Word Sense Disambiguation	1	3
Semantic Role Labeling and Semantic Parsing	1	3
Information Extraction	1	3
Question Answering and Summarization	1	3
Sentiment Analysis	1	3

### 2. Course components (total contact and credit hours per semester):

	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory/ Studio	Practical	Other	Total

Contact Hours	Planned	42					42
	Actual	42					42
Credit	Planned	3					3
	Actual	3					3

**3. Individual study/learning hours expected for students per week.**

9-12

#### 4. Course Learning Outcomes in NQF Domains of Learning and Alignment with Assessment Methods and Teaching Strategies

On the table below are the five NQF Learning Domains, numbered in the left column.

**First**, insert the suitable and measurable course learning outcomes required in the appropriate learning domains (see suggestions below the table). **Second**, insert supporting teaching strategies that fit and align with the assessment methods and targeted learning outcomes. **Third**, insert appropriate assessment methods that accurately measure and evaluate the learning outcome. Each course learning outcomes, assessment method, and teaching strategy should fit in together with the rest to form an integrated learning and teaching process. (Courses are not required to include learning outcomes from each domain.)

##### Curriculum Map

Code #	NQF Learning Domains And Course Learning Outcomes	Course Teaching Strategies	Course Assessment Methods
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>		
1.1	Understand approaches to syntax and semantics in NLP.	Lectures	Exam, Quizzes
1.2	Understand approaches to discourse, generation, dialogue and summarization within NLP	Lectures	Exams, Homework, Quizzes
1.3	Understand current methods for statistical approaches to machine translation	Lectures	Exam, Homework, Quizzes
1.4	Recognize the application of NLP in real world applications	Lectures, Case studies, Project	Exam, Project Report
1.5	Identify current tools for NLP	Lectures, Project	Project report
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Cognitive Skills</b>		
2.1	Design, implement and evaluate methods for NLP	Lecture, Case studies	Exams, Quizzes, Homework
2.2	Design, implement and evaluate relevant machine learning techniques for NLP	Lecture, Case studies,	Exams, Reports
2.3	Develop an NLP system for a real-world problem	Group discussion, Project	Project Report, Project presentation
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Interpersonal Skills &amp; Responsibility</b>		
3.1	Work in a group to accomplish an application of NLP	Group discussion, Project	Project Report, Project presentation

3.2	Work effectively in groups to accomplish a common goal and show leadership qualities	Group discussion, Project	Project Report, Project presentation
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Communication, Information Technology, Numerical</b>		
4.1	Ability to communicate clearly in oral and written form with range of audiences	Project	Project Report, Project presentation
4.2	Demonstrate the ability to apply recent tools in NLP	Project	Project Report, Project presentation
4.3	Demonstrate the ability to use mathematical and statistical techniques in the design and analysis of NLP systems	Lectures, Project	Exam, Project Report, Project presentation
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Psychomotor (if any)</b>		

<b>5. Assessment Task Schedule for Students During the Semester</b>			
	<b>Assessment task (i.e., essay, test, quizzes, group project, examination, speech, oral presentation, etc.)</b>	<b>Week Due</b>	<b>Proportion of Total Assessment</b>
1	Quiz 1	2	3.3%
2	Homework 1	3	3.3%
3	Quiz 2	4	3.3%
4	Homework 2	5	3.3%
5	Midterm Exam	7	20%
6	Quiz 3	8	3.3%
7	Homework 3	9	3.3%
<b>8</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30%</b>
9	Final Exam	14	30%

## D. Student Academic Counseling and Support

1. Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic counseling. (include the time teaching staff are expected to be available per week)
  - i. Office Hours for student counseling and support – Three hours/week
  - ii. Availability of teaching Staff on e-learning resources like uqu20/Piazza

## E Learning Resources

1. List Required Textbooks
  - i. D.Jurafsky, J.H.Martin, Speech and Language Processing 2nd Edition, Pearson-Prentice Hall, latest edition.
  - ii. Kumar, Ela. Natural language processing. IK International Pvt Ltd, latest edition.
  - iii. Lehnert, Wendy G. Strategies for natural language processing. Psychology Press, latest edition.
  - iv. Clark, Alexander, Chris Fox, and Shalom Lappin, eds. The handbook of computational linguistics and natural language processing. John Wiley & Sons, latest edition.
2. List Essential References Materials (Journals, Reports, etc.)
  - i. Recent Papers in NLP related journals
3. List Electronic Materials, Web Sites, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
  - i.
4. Other learning material such as computer-based programs/CD, professional standards or regulations and software.
  - i. MATLAB, Python or similar software

## F. Facilities Required

Indicate requirements for the course including size of classrooms and laboratories (i.e. number of seats in classrooms and laboratories, extent of computer access, etc.)

1. Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)
  - i. One classroom (25 seats)
  - ii. One lab (25 PCs)
2. Technology resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)
  - i. Whiteboard
  - ii. Internet connection
  - iii. Anti-plagiarism software
3. Other resources (specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach list)

## G Course Evaluation and Improvement Procedures

1. Strategies for Obtaining Student's Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching

<p>i. At the end of semester, course evaluation forms will be filled by the students electronically or on paper. The evaluation forms will be anonymous.</p>
<p>2. Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Instructor or the Department</p> <p>i. Course file of the course will be maintained and evaluated by some senior faculty member.</p> <p>ii. Instructor evaluation is performed for every semester</p>
<p>3. Procedures for Teaching Development</p> <p>i. Constant reading of new books and research papers, attending related conferences and workshops, participation in the research groups and blogs etc.</p>
<p>4. Procedures for Verifying Standards of Student's Achievement (e.g. check marking by an independent member teaching staff of a sample of student's work, periodic exchange and remarking of tests or a sample of assignments with staff members at another institution)</p> <p>i. A random sample from the marked papers may be evaluated by an independent senior faculty member.</p> <p>ii. Departmental quality assurance committee can review the students grades and course files to make sure that high standard of teaching is maintained.</p>
<p>5. Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for developing it.</p> <p>i. Department has curriculum committee that periodically review courses.</p> <p>ii. Faculty council review offer program as per need.</p>

**Name of Course Instructor:** Dr. Muhammad Arif

**Signature:** Muhammad Arif **Date Completed:** Oct. 22, 2018

**Program Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_