Term Information

Effective Term	Autumn 2024

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area	Earth Sciences
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	School of Earth Sciences - D0656
College/Academic Group	Arts and Sciences
Level/Career	Graduate, Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog	5757
Course Title	Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences
Transcript Abbreviation	AI in Earth Sci
Course Description	Develop an understanding of the current state-of-the-art in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine/Deep Learning (ML/DL) as applied in the Earth Sciences and Geodesy; code ML problems in Python, using Jupyter notebooks.
Semester Credit Hours/Units	Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course	14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course	Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component?	No
Grading Basis	Letter Grade
Repeatable	No
Course Components	Laboratory, Lecture
Grade Roster Component	Lecture
Credit Available by Exam	No
Admission Condition Course	No
Off Campus	Never
Campus of Offering	Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, Wooster

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites	MATH 1152 and MATH 2568; EARTHSC 2245 or STAT 2450 or STAT 4620 or EARTHSC 5641; CSE 1224; undergraduate major in Earth Sciences, Geography, Civil Environmental and Geodetic Engineering, Astronomy, or Physics; Or Grad standing; Or permission of instructor.
Exclusions	
Electronically Enforced	Yes

Cross-Listings

Cross-Listings

Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code	40.0601
Subsidy Level	Doctoral Course
Intended Rank	Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral

Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Students will learn the current state-of-the-art in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Ma- chine/Deep Learning (ML/DL) as applied in Earth Sciences and Geodesy (2 hrs/week), and how to code ML problems in Python, using Jupyter notebooks (2 hrs/week).

Content Topic List

- Jupyter notebooks and Python basics, e.g., loading modules, working with arrays, common functions, plotting of figures.
- Univariate linear regression in Earth Sciences.
  Multivariate linear numerical regression in Earth Sciences..
  Classification by logistic regression in Earth Sciences.
- Overview of other supervised Machine Learning algorithms.
  Artificial Neural Networks (ANN).
  Remote sensing with satellite data.
  Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to classify satellite imagery.
- Overview of existing publicly available data products relevant to Earth Sciences and Geodesy.
  Fully Convolutional Neural Networks for Satellite Image Segmentation.

Sought Concurrence

Yes

Attachments

- EARTHSC 5757 Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences.docx: syllabus
  (Syllabus. Owner: Griffith,Elizabeth M)
- CURRICULAR MAP OF COURSES BS - updated with 5757.docx: curriculuar map for BS
  (Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Griffith,Elizabeth M)
- Review_Response_Final.pdf: Response to panel review
  (Cover Letter. Owner: Griffith,William Ashley)
- Concurrence from Statistics.pdf: Concurrence statement from Dept of Statistics
  (Concurrence. Owner: Griffith,William Ashley)
- Concurrence from CSE.pdf: Concurrence statement from Computer Sci. & Eng.
  (Concurrence. Owner: Griffith,William Ashley)
- EARTHSC 5757 Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences_Dec152023.docx: Revised Syllabus
  (Syllabus. Owner: Griffith,William Ashley)

Comments

- Two contingencies suggested by NMS subcommittee of ASCCC addressed in revised syllabus and Prerequisites/Corequisites field *(by Griffith,William Ashley on 12/15/2023 02:48 PM)*
- Please see Subcommittee feedback email sent 12/15/2023. *(by Hilty,Michael on 12/15/2023 12:23 PM)*
- Please see feedback email sent to department 02-23-2023 RLS *(by Steele,Rachel Lea on 02/23/2023 02:52 PM)*

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Griffith,Elizabeth M	02/01/2023 06:13 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Griffith,Elizabeth M	02/01/2023 06:13 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal	02/13/2023 10:01 AM	College Approval
Revision Requested	Steele,Rachel Lea	02/23/2023 02:52 PM	ASCCAO Approval
Submitted	Griffith,William Ashley	12/01/2023 12:08 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Griffith,William Ashley	12/01/2023 12:08 PM	Unit Approval
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Pending Approval	Jenkins,Mary Ellen Bigler Hanlin,Deborah Kay Hilty,Michael Neff,Jennifer Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal Steele,Rachel Lea	12/15/2023 02:51 PM	ASCCAO Approval

Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences

EARTHSC 5757, Fall 2024, 3 credit hrs
Time: Tue (lecture) & Thur (lab) 9.20 - 11.10 am
Location: Kresge Computer Lab, Mendenhall 356

Professor: Joachim Moortgat
School of Earth Sciences
Office: Mendenhall Lab 303
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Office hours: Thus 12.00 -- 2.00 pm

Catalog Description

Develop an understanding of the current state-of-the-art in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine/Deep Learning (ML/DL) as applied in the Earth Sciences and Geodesy; code AI problems in Python using Jupyter notebooks.

Prerequisites:

MATH 1152 and MATH 2568; EARTHSC 2245 or STAT 2450 or STAT 4620 or EARTHSC 5641; CSE 1224; undergraduate major in Earth Sciences, Geography, Civil Environmental and Geodetic Engineering, Astronomy, or Physics; Or Grad standing; Or permission of instructor.

Optional: For students interested in developing strong skills in this topic area, we also recommend CSE 6520 "Foundations of Applied Artificial Intelligence for Non-Majors" and Stat 6500: "Statistical Machine Learning."

Course Overview & Goals

You will learn the current state-of-the-art in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine/Deep Learning (ML/DL) as applied in Earth Sciences and Geodesy (2 hrs/week), and how to code ML problems in Python using Jupyter notebooks (2 hrs/week).

You will have time for hands-on coding practice both in class as well as outside of class, consistent with the time commitment expectations of a 3 credit hour course. By using Jupyter notebooks in Google's cloud-compute Colab platform, you can work on these problems from any computer or tablet with internet access.

Background and Course Content

Artificial Intelligence (AI), which encompasses Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL), has revolutionized Big Data analytics, from Recommender Engines (think Netflix) to Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision as some of the most successful applications. Initially developed by some of the best computer scientists, many of these algorithms have matured and are available as open-source software with relatively easy-to-use interfaces. As a result, AI tools are increasingly adopted in the Sciences as well, where they will undoubtedly have equally consequential impacts.

In Earth and Geodetic Sciences, the simplest problems that take advantage of machine learning algorithms (in a broad sense) are simply the fitting of laboratory or field data to linear or non-linear models of one or more independent variables (say, how water, gas, or oil molar compositions vary as a function of temperature and pressure, or how seismic wave velocities depend on multiple rock and fluid properties). More interesting deep learning algorithms will change how we analyze the wide range of imagery that Earth Scientists work with. Instead of manually counting, e.g., grain-size-distributions, or identifying different mineral facies or types of fossils in (thin section) rock samples, or even (drone or regular camera) imagery of entire outcrops, computer vision algorithms can automate these processes, allowing for much larger datasets and thus more robust analyses.

Perhaps the Biggest Data that Earth Scientists and Geodesists work with are (climate models and) satellite images. When your professors were still (under)graduate students, the bottle-neck in advancing certain Earth Science and Geodesy problems would have been the lack of sufficient satellite imagery. For your generation, taming the truly mindboggling amounts of satellite data may be the bigger challenge. The School of Earth Sciences, and thus you, has access to petabytes of data from dozens of satellites, both commercial and publicly accessible. These range from extremely high resolution panchromatic ('grayscale' at $\sim$ 40 cm) and multispectral ($\geq$ 1 m) optical, to (interferometric) Synthetic Aperture Radar, gamma-ray, LIDAR, gravity, and magnetic field data. Automatically identifying various Earth Surface (and even sub-surface) Features, such as surface- and groundwater, snow, ice, forests, subsidence, continental motions, fires, coral health, you name it, and tracking those features over time at up-to global scales benefits tremendously from the latest state-of-the-art in AI and is often impossible without it.

Advanced deep learning (DL) algorithms are very powerful indeed, but with great power comes great responsibility. It can be notoriously difficult to interpret how and what exactly a DL model learns. The aforementioned easy-to-used pre-packaged software may perform, e.g., certain pre- or post-processing operations that a user may not be aware of. There is a risk in using such tools as a 'Black Box', and whenever one uses a back-box one has to worry about the scientific principle of 'garbage in, garbage out'. Because this is a higher-level course, it is important that you develop a deep understanding of how these tools work, not unlike having to properly appreciate the workings and limitations of a lab instrument before using it for scientific analyses.

In the first half of this course, we will therefore break down each fundamental ML algorithm to just basic linear algebra. In fact, you will learn how to program these algorithms yourself in hands-on lab sessions (more on that below). Once we have built up this solid

foundation, you can choose to switch back-and-forth between your own ML codes or pre-packaged routines that are potentially more optimized/faster. Also, for the most complex fully convolutional deep neural networks for computer vision, you will understand and code the basic building blocks, but use convenient APIs (e.g., Tensorflow, Keras) to construct different neural networks for different applications.

Course Format and Reading Materials

Most weeks will consist of a lecture that covers theory and plenty of hands-on coding practice. Python has become the *de facto* standard language for most AI/ML/DL and data analytics applications. It is open source / free and has innumerable pre-packaged tools available. Interestingly, in recent years, a wide range of job advertisements have started to ask about Python proficiency. For all these reasons, lectures and labs will be based on Python. No prior Python experience is assumed and even if you are already proficient in, e.g., Matlab, developing Python coding skills can only be helpful for your future careers.

To hit the ground running, we will use Google's free Colaboratory environment, which allows you to write and execute your codes on google's cloud compute hardware. By using this approach, you can work on codes from any computer without having to worry about hardware specs (CPU, GPU, RAM) or installing lots of Python packages yourself. More specifically, we will use Jupyter notebooks, which are an elegant way to blend code with marked-up text and interactive codes and figures, as shown below. All lecture and lab notes will be fully interactive Jupyter notebooks in which you can manipulate every line of code and see what happens, accompanied by detailed explanatory text. These notebooks are fully self-contained and comprehensive, with no additional textbooks or readings required.

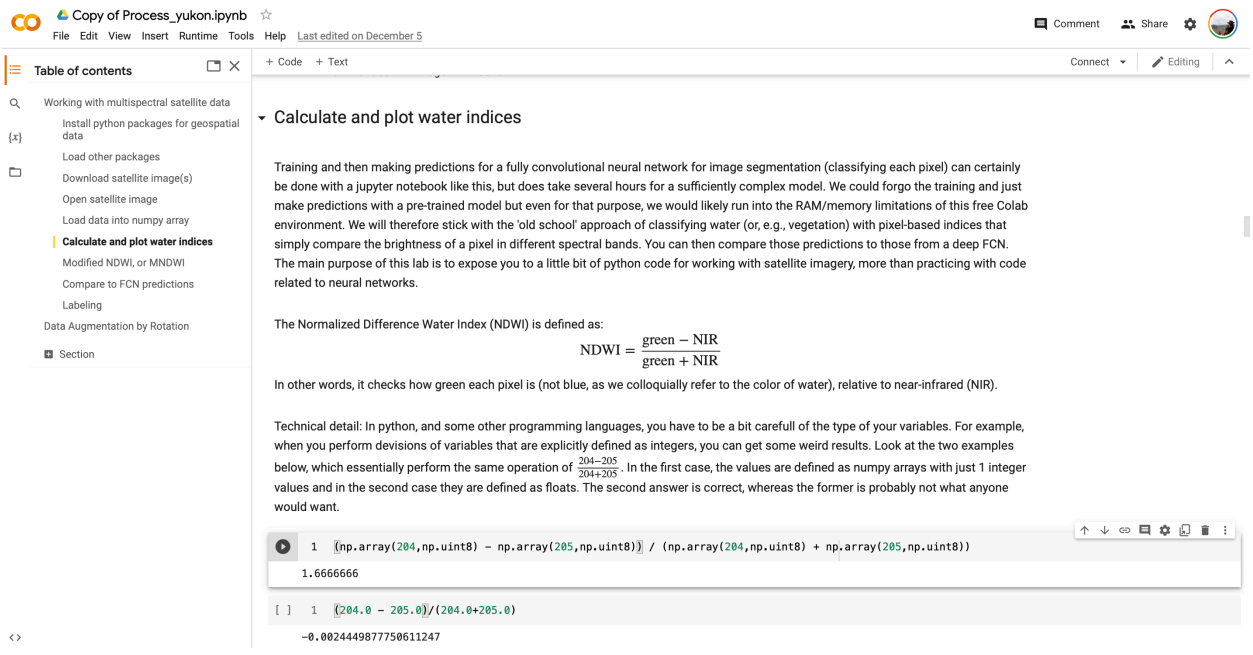

Figure 1: Illustration of a Jupyter notebook running Python code and LaTeX formatted markup.

Finally, you will also learn how to use OSU's Unity cluster to access more storage, memory, and compute power than available with a free Colab account. That way, you can access, e.g., satellite data that is already stored on Unity and train larger deep neural networks.

The hands-on lab sessions consist of Jupyter notebooks that include many steps early on but assume increasing levels of Python skills as the semester progresses. Some of the labs are a friendly competition of who can come up with the best machine learning model for a given problem. You will be expected to also work on these exercises outside of class hours, consistent with the expectations of a 3 credit hour course. You will upload the lab assignments as Jupyter notebooks to Carmen/Canvas to be individually graded.

In the final weeks, you will propose and work on a problem that is relevant to your own research/studies/career. In the last week of the semester, each student will give a 10-minute presentation of their project and upload the corresponding data and codes to Carmen/Canvas.

Course Grading

1. 80% Weekly Jupyter notebooks of lab assignments.
2. 20% Individual final project.
3. 10% Bonus for attendance (simple fraction of class sessions attended).

Letter grades correspond to the following percentages:

A: 93-100	B+: 87-89	C+: 77-79	D+: 67-69
A-: 90-92	B: 83-86	C: 73-76	D: 60-66
	B-: 80-82	C-: 70-72	E: < 60

Grades will be curved if the course median score drops below 80%.

Course Policies

Academic and Personal Integrity

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc.

Students with Disabilities

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion.

If you are isolating while waiting for a COVID-19 test result, please let me know immediately. Those testing positive for COVID-19 should refer to the Safe and Healthy Buckeyes site for resources. Beyond five days of the required COVID-19 isolation period, I may rely on Student Life Disability Services to establish further reasonable accommodations. You can connect with them at slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; or slds.osu.edu.

Diversity Statement

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Title IX

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories (e.g., race). If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleix.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleix@osu.edu

Mental Health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may

lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting ccs.osu.edu or calling 614--292--5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614--292--5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available 24/7 by dialing 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Religious Accommodations

It is Ohio State's policy to reasonably accommodate the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of all students. The policy permits a student to be absent for up to three days each academic semester for reasons of faith or religious or spiritual belief.

Students planning to use religious beliefs or practices accommodations for course requirements must inform the instructor in writing no later than 14 days after the course begins. The instructor is then responsible for scheduling an alternative time and date for the course requirement, which may be before or after the original time and date of the course requirement. These alternative accommodations will remain confidential. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all course assignments are completed.

Course Schedule

Week 1, August

Introduction and creating your Colab and Unity (OSU cluster) accounts.

Week 2, September

Jupyter notebooks and Python basics, e.g., loading modules, working with arrays, common functions, plotting of figures.

Week 3, September

Univariate linear regression. Numerical regression is the process of fitting a linear or nonlinear (next week) function of one or more variables to measurements / observations.

Lab: Use linear regression algorithms to model effects of precipitation on isotopic composition of rivers in Central Ohio and compare to Global Meteoric Water Line.

Week 4, September

Multivariate linear numerical regression.

Lab: Explore multivariate linear regression for large Earth Sciences dataset. Gentle introduction to feature engineering.

Week 5, September

Multivariate non-linear numerical regression.

Lab: Use multivariate non-linear numerical regression to predict missing geophysical well-logs from other existing ones, as used in the search for gas hydrates in seafloor sediments.

Week 6, September

Classification by logistic regression. Univariate and multi-variate, linear and non-linear.

Lab: Classify coral species based on morphological features.

Week 7, October

Nuts and bolts: machine learning algorithms generally require a pipeline of data pre- and post-processing. This week and the next you will learn a lot of additional concepts and how they all fit together.

Lab: Apply the aforementioned concepts to improve a pipeline for the non-linear multivariate regression problem from Week 5 regarding geophysical well logs.

Week 8, October

This week we will cover under- and overfitting of data, how to determine whether your model is under-/over-fitting, and the different ways to mitigate these issues.

Fall Break

Week 9, October

Overview of supervised Machine Learning algorithms.

Lab: Compare several of the ML algorithms to a non-linear numerical regression for geophysical data problem.

Week 10, October

Artificial Neural Networks (ANN).

Lab: Explore basic linear algebra implementation of an ANN and apply to a computer vision problem, classifying Earth Science thin-section images.

Week 11, November

Remote sensing with satellite data

Lab: Getting started with satellite imagery in Python. Running Jupyter notebooks on OSU's Unity cluster.

Week 12, November

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to classify satellite imagery. Overview of existing publicly available data products relevant to Earth Sciences and Geodesy.

Lab: Opening, pre-processing, and analyzing multispectral high-resolution satellite imagery. Compute (Modified) Normalized Difference Water Index and other indices (for vegetation etc.), compare to classification results by state-of-the-art fully convolutional neural networks.

Week 13, November

Fully Convolutional Neural Networks for Satellite Image Segmentation.

Continue labs from last week.

Week 14, November

Propose and discuss individual ML projects

Lab: Work on individual ML projects

Thanksgiving break.

Week 15, December

Lab: Work on individual ML projects

Week 16, December

Presentations of individual ML projects.

From:	Sivilotti, Paul
To:	Griffith, W. Ashley
Cc:	Lower, Steven; Fosler-Lussier, Eric; Arora, Anish; Moortgat, Joachim B.
Subject:	RE: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences
Date:	Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:29:16 PM

Hi Ashley—

The CSE curriculum committee has reviewed the revised syllabus for the proposed course EARTHSC 5757: Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences. Thank you for adopting the revisions we discussed!

Accordingly, I'm happy to extend concurrence from CSE for this new course.

Best wishes,
--paul

From: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Sivilotti, Paul <paolo@cse.ohio-state.edu>
Cc: Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>; Fosler-Lussier, Eric <fosler@cse.ohio-state.edu>; Arora, Anish <anish@cse.ohio-state.edu>; Moortgat, Joachim B. <moortgat.1@osu.edu>
Subject: RE: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences

Hi Paul – Thanks again for taking the time to meet with Joachim and me last month to talk about changes to his course proposal to achieve concurrence. Please find the attached revised syllabus. The key revisions we discussed (principally, adding CSE 1224 as a prerequisite course and limiting the students eligible to take the course to a few key departments) are highlighted on the first page. Joachim also added a recommendation for CSE 6520. I hope these changes are consistent with your expectations. Please let us know if these are sufficient to grant concurrence.

Sincerely,
Ashley

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From: Sivilotti, Paul <paolo@cse.ohio-state.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>
Cc: Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>; Fosler-Lussier, Eric <fosler@cse.ohio-state.edu>; Arora,

Anish <anish@cse.ohio-state.edu>
Subject: RE: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences

Dear Ashley—

The CSE curriculum committee has reviewed the syllabus for the proposed course EARTHSC 5757: Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences.

While the projects involve applications and data sets related to Earth Sciences, the course topics are fundamental ML algorithms and programming techniques. As such, we have two concerns: (1) that the course ends up serving as a general ML and AI course, despite the course title, and (2) that the course will necessarily involve significant introductory instruction in Python programming, perhaps more than anticipated in course design.

Therefore, we are requesting 2 changes to the syllabus as reviewed:

1. The course be restricted to Earth Science majors, and
2. The course pre-req's include a curricular intro to programming component. We recommend CSE 1224 (Python Programming), making the prereq's:

"CSE 1224, and Math 1152, and Math 2568; or Grad standing; or permission of instructor"

Alternatively, the programming prereq could be widened to allow any of the intro programming classes (ie adding CSE 1222 C++ and CSE 1223 Java). That would be: "CSE 1222 or 1223 or 1224, and Math 1152, and Math 2568; or Grad standing; or permission of instructor". The former version is preferred for its clarity in both student and instructor expectations, as well as the preparation it affords.

I will also note that, for graduate students, there is CSE 6520 "Foundations of Applied Artificial Intelligence for Non-Majors". This course would afford graduate students in Earth Sciences a solid preparation in Python programming, with a focus on its use for AI and ML applications. As such, it would be an excellent pre-requisite for EARTHSC 5757, especially for graduate students with little or no programming background.

Best wishes,
--paul

From: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:10 PM
To: Fosler-Lussier, Eric <fosler@cse.ohio-state.edu>; Arora, Anish <anish@cse.ohio-state.edu>; Sivilotti, Paul <paolo@cse.ohio-state.edu>
Cc: Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>
Subject: RE: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences

Thank you, Eric

Sincerely,

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Cc: Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>
Subject: Re: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences

Hi Ashley,

I'm forwarding this to our curriculum committee chair, Paul Sivilotti, so that his committee can assess it.

Best wishes,
-Eric

Eric Fosler-Lussier
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From: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 at 4:18 PM
To: Arora, Anish <anish@cse.ohio-state.edu>, Fosler-Lussier, Eric <fosler@cse.ohio-state.edu>, Kaizar, Elly <kaizar.1@osu.edu>, Hans, Christopher <hans@stat.osu.edu>
Cc: Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>
Subject: Concurrence Request for Earth Sciences 5757 AI in Earth Sciences

To whom it may concern,

The School of Earth Sciences is seeking concurrence with your units (Computer Science and Engineering; Statistics) for the proposed course **EARTHSC 5757 Artificial Intelligence in Earth Sciences** (syllabus attached). We feel that the focus on AI and ML/DL applied in the Earth Sciences and Geodesy offered in our department makes this a unique course.

Please email your responses/concurrences to me (griffith.233@osu.edu) and our chair copied to this email, lower.9@osu.edu. *Responses are due by the end of business* ***Tuesday, September 12, 2023***. *Concurrence will be assumed if no response is received within two weeks.* Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Ashley

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From: Zhang, Yuan
To: Griffith, W. Ashley; Lee, Yoonkyung; Sivakoff, David
Cc: Moortgat, Joachim B.; Lower, Steven
Subject: Re: EARTHSC 2245 syllabus
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 2:57:49 PM

Dear Ashley et al,

Thanks for sending the revised syllabus (and thank you all for the pleasant and helpful Zoom meeting a few weeks ago).
After discussion, we are now happy to give our concurrence.

Best regards,
Curriculum Committee, Department of Statistics
Yoonkyung Lee and Yuan Zhang

From: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 13:09
To: Lee, Yoonkyung <yklee@stat.osu.edu>; Zhang, Yuan <yzhanghf@stat.osu.edu>; Sivakoff, David <dsivakoff@stat.osu.edu>
Cc: Moortgat, Joachim B. <moortgat.1@osu.edu>; Lower, Steven <lower.9@osu.edu>
Subject: RE: EARTHSC 2245 syllabus

Hi Yoon, Yuan, and David,

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with Joachim and me last month to talk about changes to his course proposal to achieve concurrence from the Department of Statistics. Please find the attached revised syllabus. The key revisions we discussed (principally, adding STAT2450 or STAT4620 as a prerequisite course) are highlighted on the first page. Joachim also added a recommendation for Stat 6500: "Statistical Machine Learning. I hope these changes are consistent with your expectations. Please let us know if these are sufficient to grant concurrence.

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From: Lee, Yoonkyung <yklee@stat.osu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 6:11 PM

To: Griffith, W. Ashley <griffith.233@osu.edu>; Zhang, Yuan <yzhanghf@stat.osu.edu>; Sivakoff, David <dsivakoff@stat.osu.edu>
Cc: Moortgat, Joachim B. <moortgat.1@osu.edu>
Subject: Re: EARTHSC 2245 syllabus

Hi Ashley,

We looked over the syllabus of EARTHSC 2245 that you've provided. 2245 seems to be calculus based (Math 1151: Calculus I as prereq), so our STAT 2450 might be considered similar in terms of the level and course content. STAT 5301 that Yuan mentioned is non-calculus based and especially designed for graduate students without much technical background. EARTHSC 5641 (Geostatistics) looks quite advanced, and "Elements of Statistical Learning" as part of required textbooks for the course is, in fact, a textbook we use for our PhD students in STAT 7620! So, we imagine those students taking the proposed course after 5641 might be statistically better prepared than we initially thought.

As we discussed during the meeting, we recommend including prerequisites for statistics and data analysis clearly in the proposed course, and it is up to your department whether 2245 alone or additional courses might be listed as prerequisites for the proposed course.

We will look forward to seeing a revision of the course proposal in the future.

Best,

Yoon
On behalf of the Statistics Curriculum Committee

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Thank you! We'll look through it and let you know if we have any questions. It is super helpful to know about this, because I wouldn't have even thought to look at 5000 level courses.

Sincerely,
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Hi Ashley and Joachim,

Here is a copy of the recent version of Stat 5301 that I taught. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/jaodtrau0irc61qo6uk6n/h?rlkey=hil3e5o5qywbfnzw1r4faw0eu&dl=0

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Joachim just chimed in and suggested I also share the syllabus for our Geostatistics course taught by Yanlan Liu, as an example of a course that many of our graduate students and upper level undergraduates take.

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Hello Yuan, Yoonkyung, and David,

Thanks again for a really productive meeting (30 minutes!). I am attaching the syllabus for the data analysis/statistics course that is taught in our department. Again, we typically approve similar courses from other departments in place of this course, most prominently probably from STAT, for many of our students given that they come from all walks of the university. I am very curious to see the syllabi from some of the 5000 level STAT courses you referred to in our meeting.

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