Professional Education
2022 – 2023 Course Offering

Fall 2022

CIS 6370 Computer Data Security
August 20th – September 16th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday August 20th & September 3rd
The class will start with preliminary material and mathematical foundations of data security. It will then cover private-key encryptions, public-key encryptions, and fundamental security protocols. Finally, it will focus on emerging technologies such as (a) digital currencies and their implementations, (b) blockchain and its applications, e.g., in supply chain and information sharing, and (c) privacy enhancing technologies using security protocols, e.g., in autonomous systems, auctions and financial paradigms.

COP 6819 Advanced Internet Systems
September 17th – October 14th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday September 17th & October 1st
This course introduces present and new internet technologies including middleware, web services, cloud computing, fog and edge computing, distributed ledger techniques, and Internet of Things (IoT). Specific internet and web applications will be presented including Search Engine Optimization, applications of distributed ledger technology, and IoT applications for smart cities and homes.

CAP 6673 Data Mining and Machine Learning
October 15th – November 11th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday October 15th & October 29th
Course deals with the principles of data mining and machine learning. Topics to be covered include machine learning methods, knowledge discovery and representation, classification and prediction models. This course will enable students to understand basic concepts of data mining and machine learning algorithms with an emphasis on real world applications.

CNT 5008 Computer Networks
November 12th – December 14th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday November 12th & December 3rd
This course provides an in-depth study of the Internet architecture and its main communication protocols. It covers common media access control protocols for wired and wireless networks (WiFi and cellular), the IP protocol at the network layer, routing, and the UDP, and TCP end-to-end transport protocols. It introduces the main application-layer protocols at the foundation of the internet, including HTTP, DNS, and overlay networks.
**Spring 2023**

**COT 6405 Analysis of Algorithms**  
January 7th – February 3rd  
**On-campus lecture days: Saturday January 7th & January 21st**  
This course provides the foundations of algorithm design and analysis and some applications to secure designs. The class will start with a brief overview of the theoretical framework for efficiency analysis, and then continue with the study of several algorithmic techniques: divide-and-conquer, fast Fourier Transform, approximation algorithms, NP-completeness, probabilistic data structures, and secure protocols.

**CEN 5035 Software Engineering**  
February 4th – March 3rd  
**On-campus lecture days: Saturday February 4th & February 18th**  
This course focuses on advanced concepts in software engineering and the application of engineering principles to the creation of complex, long-lived applications. This course will expose students to a wide range of software engineering concepts and state-of-the-art technologies. In addition to software engineering acumen, students are expected to develop excellent writing and presentation skills. This course will first review basic principles of software engineering, and then it will focus on more specific and advanced topics, including model driven development, Internet of Things (IoT), reverse engineering and program comprehension, and finally touch on topics of DevOps.

**CAP 6776 Information Retrieval**  
March 11th – May 3rd  
**On-campus lecture days: Saturday March 11th, March 25th, April 8th & April 22nd**  
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the main concepts, techniques, tools, and applications in the field of information retrieval (IR), which is the process of searching and collecting relevant information from databases or resources based on queries or requirements. The course will cover algorithmic and usability aspects of text classification, indexing, and searching, as well as web retrieval and crawling, and multimedia (image, audio, video) information retrieval.

**CAP 5768 Introduction to Data Science**  
March 11th – May 3rd  
**On-campus lecture days: Saturday March 11th, March 25th, April 8th & April 22nd**  
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the tools and analysis workflows employed by data scientists that include data wrangling, visualization, exploration, and modeling. Specific topics include an overview of the field of data science and analytics, data visualization, exploratory data analysis, data transformation, parameter estimation, hypothesis testing, linear regression analysis, logistic regression classification, model selection, feature selection, dimensionality reduction, and clustering. The practical application of these techniques to real data, as well as the interpretation and presentation of analysis results will be emphasized throughout the course.
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CIS 6735 Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain Technologies
August 19th – September 15th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday August 19th & September 2nd
The course introduces technical aspects of blockchains, public distributed ledgers, and cryptocurrency systems. Students will also learn the concepts and tools for developing distributed and secure applications with public distributed ledgers.

CAP 6635 Artificial Intelligence
September 16th – October 13th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday September 16th & September 30th
This course introduces core concepts, techniques, and applications of artificial intelligence (AI). Course subjects include intelligent agents, problem solving by search, search strategies, game playing, knowledge representation and reasoning, learning from examples, and deep learning. The class also discusses ethical and societal implications of the increasing use of AI.

CAP 6731 Theory and Implementation of Database Systems
October 14th – November 10th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday October 14th & October 28th
This class provides an in-depth coverage of data models, query languages, and database management systems. Topics include fundamental concepts of database systems, SQL, relational algebra, database design (e.g., conceptual, logical, and physical data models), query optimization, transaction processing, and new trends (e.g., data warehousing & OLAP, data mining). Oracle database will be used to understand technical components in database systems.

CAP 6629 Reinforcement Learning
November 11th – December 13th
On-campus lecture days: Saturday November 11th & December 2nd
This class provides theoretical properties and practical applications of reinforcement learning. Course topics include Markov decision process, dynamic programming, temporal-difference learning, planning and learning with tabular methods, and deep reinforcement learning.