



**Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science  
Florida Atlantic University  
Course Syllabus**

<b>1. Course title/number, number of credit hours</b>	
Deep Learning – CAP 6619	3 credit hours
<b>2. Course prerequisites, corequisites, and where the course fits in the program of study</b>	
Prerequisites: COP3530 Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis or equivalent	
<b>3. Course logistics</b>	
<i>Term:</i> Fall 2017	
<i>Class location and time:</i> TBD	
<b>4. Instructor contact information</b>	
<i>Instructor's name</i>	Dr. Taghi Khoshgoftaar, Dr. Xingquan Zhu and Dr. Hanqi Zhuang
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<b>6. Course description</b>	
<p>This course teaches students basic concepts of deep learning, with applications in computer science, engineering, business and other areas. The class will cover major topics including math preliminaries, machine learning basics, deep forward networks, convolution networks, autoencoders, representation learning networks, their implementations and applications.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Deep learning is a field that studies deep artificial neural networks composed of many hidden layers. It is made possible due to available big datasets and fast computing power. Many favorable results in applications have been obtained, especially for applications where the cost function is complex, the datasets are huge, and labels may not be completely available.</p>	
<b>7. Course objectives/student learning outcomes/program outcomes</b>	
<i>Course objectives</i>	The goal of this class is for students to gain theoretical foundation and hands-on experiences on deep learning. At the end of the class, students should be able to understand the fundamentals of deep learning, algorithmic and implementation details and should be able to apply popular deep learning models to study their research problems.

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<b>8. Course evaluation method</b>
4 Home Works (each home work is worth 10%) - 40% Test - 30% Project - 30%
<b>9. Course grading scale</b>
Grading Scale: 90 and above: "A", 85-89: "A-", 76-84: "B+", 70-75: "B", 66-74: "C+", 60-65: "C", 50-59: "D", 49 and below: "F."
<b>10. Policy on makeup tests, late work, and incompletes</b>
<i>Makeups</i> are possible, and are given only if there is solid evidence of medical or otherwise family/personal emergency issues that prevent the student from participating in the exam. Makeup exam should be administered and proctored by department personnel unless there are other pre-approved arrangements  <i>Late work</i> is not acceptable.  <i>A grade of incomplete</i> will be assigned only in the case of solid evidence of medical or otherwise serious emergency situation.
<b>11. Special course requirements</b>
N/A
<b>12. Classroom etiquette policy</b>
University policy requires that in order to enhance and maintain a productive atmosphere for education, personal communication devices, such as cellular phones and laptops, are to be disabled in class sessions.
<b>13. Disability policy statement</b>
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the FAU Students Accessibility Services (SAS) located in Boca Raton, Davie, and Jupiter campuses and follow all SAS procedures <a href="http://www.fau.edu/sas">http://www.fau.edu/sas</a> .
<b>14. Honor code policy</b>
Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and place high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. See University Regulation 4.001 at <a href="http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf">www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf</a>
<b>15. Required texts/reading</b>
<i>Deep Learning</i> , Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, and Aaron Courville, MIT Press, 2016. Available online at

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<http://www.deeplearningbook.org>.

**16. Supplementary/recommended readings**

Research papers and forums, see explanations.

**17. Course topical outline, including dates for exams/quizzes, papers, completion of reading**

**Weekly course topics (tentative)**

Weekly schedule	Topic	
Week 1	Introduction/Overview	
Week 2	Linear Algebra Review: vectors, matrices, tensors; linear dependence and span; normed space; eigen-decomposition; SVD; PCA;	HW1
Week 3	Optimization Basics: Gradient-based optimization; constrained optimization	
Week 4	Probability Review: Probability; marginal probability; conditional probability; Bayes' rule; intro to information theory; estimators, bias and variance	HW2
Week 5-6	Machine Learning Overview: Learning algorithms; capacity, overfitting and underfitting; validation sets; Bayesian statistics; supervised learning algorithms; unsupervised learning algorithms; stochastic gradient descent	
Week 7-8	Deep Forward Networks: Gradient-based learning; hidden units; Architecture design; differential algorithms; examples	Hw3
Week 9-10	Convolution Neural Networks: The convolution operation; motivation; pooling; variants of convolution function; structured output; combine CNN with DFN	Test, Project Announcement
Week 11	Recurrent Neural Networks: Unfolding computational graphs; recurrent neural networks; other variations	HW4
Week 12-13	Autoencoder learning: Undercomplete autoencoders; regularized autoencoders; representational power, layer size and depth; stochastic encoders and decoders; learning manifold with autoencoders	
Week 14-15	Representation Learning Networks: unsupervised deep learning; transfer learning and domain adaptation; semi-supervised learning; distributed representation	
Week 16	Project Report	

**Project:** The goal of the term project is to practice the algorithms and techniques learned in class. Students will work on the project in the second half of the class. Each student will select a topic related to the material taught in class. A list of tentative topics such as image classification will be provided in class. Students are expected to conduct research in that topic, implement and validate the algorithms, and collect experimental results. At the end of the project, the students will submit a report and the programming source code for evaluation.

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Research papers and forums (updates will be given from time to time):

- [Representation Learning: A Review and New Perspectives](#), Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Pascal Vincent, Arxiv, 2012.
- The monograph or review paper [Learning Deep Architectures for AI](#) (Foundations & Trends in Machine Learning, 2009).
- Deep Machine Learning – A New Frontier in Artificial Intelligence Research – a [survey paper](#) by Itamar Arel, Derek C. Rose, and Thomas P. Karnowski.
- Graves, A. (2012). *Supervised sequence labelling with recurrent neural networks*(Vol. 385). Springer.
- Schmidhuber, J. (2014). Deep Learning in Neural Networks: An Overview. 75 pages, 850+ references, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1404.7828>, PDF & LATEX source & complete public BIBTEX file under <http://www.idsia.ch/~juergen/deep-learning-overview.html>.
- LeCun, Yann, Yoshua Bengio, and Geoffrey Hinton. "[Deep learning.](#)" *Nature* 521, no. 7553 (2015): 436-444.
- <http://www.deeplearning.net/>
- <http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>