CS 4630: PYTHON FOR COMPUTATIONAL AND DATA SCIENCES

Semester Hours: 3.0 Contact Hours: 3

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Text: Various

Author(s): VARIOUS

Year: Various

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

Catalog Description:

Accelerated introduction to Python. Sample problems in STEM domains and computational approaches to solving them. Generic, and domain-specific libraries and tools. Introduction to data variety, analysis, and visualization. Prerequisite: MATH 1310 and C or better in CS 1010 or CS 2010 or consent of instructor. Cannot earn credit for both CS 4630 and CS 5630.

Course type: **ELECTIVE**

SPECIFIC COURSE GOALS

- I can use language libraries to solve basic computational problems in STEM domain [examples: a) sequence alignment and use of STEM datasets; b) scripting in STEM applications; c) hypothesis testing and optimization].
- I can explain language mechanisms for handling missing data, and cite sample STEM applications where missing data is prevalent.
- I can use basic visualization and data classification on STEM datasets.
- I can explain certain data formats in STEM fields.
- I can use the primitives in certain libraries, for example: Numpy, Scipy, BiopythonSympy, Pyomo, Mathplotlib, Pandas.

LIST OF TOPICS COVERED

- Accelerated introduction to Python (~ 15%)
- Datasets in the sciences (~ 10%)
 - o Data formats in STEM fields, examples: atmospheric science, biology

- o Missing data for example, radar measurements
- Data wrangling and analysis
- Applications Math & Physics (~ 15%)
 - Matrix operations & ODE
 - o Projectile motion and simple harmonic motion
 - o Optimization
- Applications Geology/Hydrology/GIS (~ 15%)
 - Raster & vector data
 - Line and contour plots
 - o Basics of filtering and noise reduction
 - Process map layers and time series data
- Applications Psychology and Statistics (~ 15%)
 - o Descriptive and inferential statistics,
 - Models & hypothesis
 - Significance and hypothesis testing
- Applications Chemistry/Biology/CS (~ 25%)
 - o Chemical equations, stoichiometry
 - o Bioinformatics and sequence alignment
 - Dynamic programming
 - Data and spatial visualization
 - Data science programming