

## CSE 5243-0040 – Spring 2026

### Introduction to Data Mining

**Time/Place:** 2:20 PM-3:40 PM, Tue/Thu; Hitchcock Hall 324

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**Level and credits:** U/G, 3

**Office Hours:** (Instructor) Tue 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM; (TA) Thu/Fri 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Course Description:** Knowledge discovery, data mining, data preprocessing, data transformations; clustering, classification, frequent pattern mining, anomaly detection, avoiding false discoveries, graph and network analysis; large language model; applications.

**Prerequisites:** Introduction to Databases, Introduction to Algorithms, or grad standing or permission of instructor

#### Textbooks:

- (Required) Pang-Ning Tan, Michael Steinbach, and Vipin Kumar. Introduction to Data Mining (2nd ed), 2018.
- (Required) Jiawei Han, Jian Pei, Hanghang Tong. Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques (4th ed), 2022.
- (Required) Immanuel Trummer, Data Analysis with LLMs, 2025.
- (Optional) Charu C. Aggarwal, Data Mining: The Textbook, 2015.
- (Optional) Mohammed J. Zaki and Wagner Meira Jr., Data Mining and Analysis: Fundamental Concepts and Algorithms, 2014.

#### Grading Plan:

- Quizzes and Attendance: 5%
  - Graded 5 quizzes from 10 opportunities
  - Bonus: up to 5%
- Group Presentation (30 min): 5%
  - LLMs for Data Mining
- Assignments: 20%
  - 4 written and programming assignments
- Midterm exam: 35% (Feb 24 in class)
- Final exam: 35% (April 29 at 2 pm)

#### Health and safety requirements

All students, faculty and staff are required to comply with and stay up to date on all university safety and health guidance (<https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu>), which includes wearing a face mask in

any indoor space and maintaining a safe physical distance at all times. Non-compliance will be warned first and disciplinary actions will be taken for repeated offenses.

## Carmen access

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](#) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](#) help article for step-by-step instructions.
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- Download the [Duo Mobile application](#) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service.
- If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357 (HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

## Course Technology Resources

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at [ocio.osu.edu/help/hours](https://ocio.osu.edu/help/hours), and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** [ocio.osu.edu/help](https://ocio.osu.edu/help)
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** [servicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:servicedesk@osu.edu)
- **TDD:** 614-688-8743

### Baseline technical skills for online courses

- Basic computer and web-browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

### Required Technology skills specific to this course

- [CarmenZoom virtual meetings](#)

### Required equipment

- Computer: current Mac (OS X) or PC (Windows 7+) with high-speed internet connection
- Webcam: built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
- Microphone: built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) or landline to use for BuckeyePass authentication

### Required software

- [Microsoft Office 365](#): All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus through Microsoft's Student Advantage program. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found [at go.osu.edu/office365help](https://go.osu.edu/office365help).

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Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the university's [\*Code of Student Conduct\*](#), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the university's *Code of Student Conduct* and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the university's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the *Code of Student Conduct* and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

**If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.** If COAM determines that you have violated the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

- The Committee on Academic Misconduct web pages ([COAM Home](#))
- *Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity* ([Ten Suggestions](#))
- *Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity* ([www.northwestern.edu/uacc/8cards.htm](http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/8cards.htm))

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which responds to all bias-motivated incidents of harassment and discrimination, such as race, religion, national origin and disability. For more information on OIE, visit [equity.osu.edu](http://equity.osu.edu) or email [equity@osu.edu](mailto:equity@osu.edu).

## **Your 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 find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, please know that there are resources to help: [ccs.osu.edu](http://ccs.osu.edu). You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at (614) 292-5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Prevention Hotline at 1-(800)-273-TALK or at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org). The Ohio State Wellness app is also a great resource available at [go.osu.edu/wellnessapp](http://go.osu.edu/wellnessapp).

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment	Quiz
1	Jan 13	Introduction		
1	Jan 15	Data & Data Preprocessing		
2	Jan 20	Data & Data Preprocessing		
2	Jan 22	Classification:Basic Concepts/Methods	Assignment 1 Out	Quiz 1
3	Jan 27	Classification:Basic Concepts/Methods		
3	Jan 29	Classification:Basic Concepts/Methods		
4	Feb 3	Classification:Basic Concepts/Methods		Quiz 2
4	Feb 5	Association Analysis		
5	Feb 10	Association Analysis	Assignment 2 Out	
5	Feb 12	Classification:Advanced Methods (Dr. Yin)		Quiz 3
6	Feb 17	Classification:Advanced Methods (Dr. Yin)	Assignment 1 Due	
6	Feb 19	Association Analysis + Midterm Preparation		
7	Feb 24	Midterm Exam (In Class; Hitchcock Hall 324)		
7	Feb 26	Midterm Rev + Association Analysis		
8	Mar 3	Association Analysis		
8	Mar 5	Association Analysis: Advanced Concepts	Assignment 3 Out	
9	Mar 10	Cluster Analysis: Basic Concepts and Algorithms	Assignment 4 Out	Quiz 4
9	Mar 12	Cluster Analysis: Basic Concepts and Algorithms	Assignment 2 Due	
10	Mar 17	Spring Break (No Class)		
10	Mar 19	Spring Break (No Class)		
11	Mar 24	Cluster Analysis: Basic Concepts and Algorithms (Dr. Yin)		
11	Mar 26	Cluster Analysis: Additional Issues and Algorithms		Quiz 5
12	Mar 31	CSE 5243 Conference Preparation (No Class)		
12	April 2	CSE 5243 Conference Preparation (No Class)	Assignment 3 Due	
13	April 7	Anomaly Detection		
13	April 9	Special Topic: Causal Inference for Biomedicine		
14	April 14	Special Topic: LLMs for Biomedicine		
14	April 16	CSE 5243 Conference Presentations (1)	Assignment 4 Due	
15	April 21	Final Exam Preparation and CSE 5243 Conference Presentations (2)		
15	April 23	CSE 5243 Conference Presentations (3)		
16	April 28	Reading Day (No Class)		
16	April 29	Final Exam (2:00 pm-3:45 pm; Hitchcock Hall 324)		
17	May 5	Exam Week (No Class)	Post all Grades	