

BMI 5553 – Autumn 2026

Predictive Analytics in Electronic Health Records

Time/Place: Asynchronous Online Learning; OSU CarmenCanvas

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Zoom Link: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/95697653293?pwd=7tQn1azZn0hJ31CvFKhEaxsgwuCUQl.1>

Q&A Discussion Forum (via Piazza): <https://piazza.com/class/mt5y6cr9vd36kg>

Course Description:

Electronic health records (EHRs) provide massive, longitudinal data on thousands or even millions of patients, including demographics, laboratory results, diagnosis codes, prescriptions, and physician notes. As EHR databases are becoming more standardized and integrated across multiple hospital systems, they are gaining increasing attention from the informatics community as a resource to be mined, for example, to assess the quality of patient care, develop early prediction models for disease, and define disease phenotypes.

The course introduces trainees to core data mining/machine learning algorithms, and their applications on predictive analytics on EHRs. Examples of major topics to be discussed in the class include 1) EHR data and data preprocessing; 2) classification algorithms and their applications to prognosis, risk stratification, and disease management; 3) clustering algorithms and their applications to disease progression modeling and patient subtyping; 4) Frequent pattern mining algorithms and their applications to EHR data visualization.

Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize the benefits of using AI for EHR predictive analytics
- Gain knowledge of the most popular data mining/machine learning algorithms
- Select the best data mining/machine learning algorithms for an EHR prediction task
- Discuss current challenges and opportunities of AI in predictive analytics on EHRs

Prerequisites: Programming for Biomedical Informatics (BMI 5780), or permission of instructor

Textbooks:

- (Required) Pang-Ning Tan, Michael Steinbach, and Vipin Kumar, Introduction to data Mining (1st or 2nd ed), 2006
- (Required) Eric Topol, Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again, 2019
- (Optional) Jiawei Han, Micheline Kamber, and Jian Pei, Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques (3rd ed), 2011
- (Optional) Charu C. Aggarwal, Data Mining: The Textbook, Springer, 2015.

- (Optional) Mohammed J. Zaki and Wagner Meira Jr., Data Mining and Analysis: Fundamental Concepts and Algorithms, 2014.

Software:

- (Required) Python
- (Required) NumPy, SciPy, Scikit-learn
- (Optional) PyTorch, Keras, MXNet

Grading Plan:

- Assignment 1: 25%
 - EHR data exploration and data preprocessing
- Assignment 2: 25%
 - Classification algorithms and mortality risk prediction
- Assignment 3: 25%
 - Clustering algorithms and patient subphenotyping
- Assignment 4: 25%
 - EHR data visualization

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, and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** ocio.osu.edu/help
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** 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](http://go.osu.edu/office365help).

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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)

Statement on Title IX

All students and employees at Ohio State have the right to work and learn in an environment free from harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender, and the university can arrange interim measures, provide support resources, and explain investigation options, including referral to confidential resources.

If you or someone you know has been harassed or discriminated against based on your sex or gender, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual exploitation, you may find information about your rights and options at titleix.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleix@osu.edu. Title IX is part of the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) at Ohio State, 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 or email 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. 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. The Ohio State Wellness app is also a great resource available at go.osu.edu/wellnessapp.

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment
1	Aug 26	Course Introduction	
1	Aug 28	Introduction: AI on EHRs + Data Access Tutorial	A 1.1 Out
2	Aug 31	Introduction: MIMIC-IV Data (Part I)	
2	Sep 02	Introduction: MIMIC-IV Data (Part II)	
2	Sep 04	Data Exploration (Lecture + Demo)	A 1.2 Out
3	Sep 07	Labor Day - no classes	
3	Sep 09	Data Preprocessing (Lecture + Demo)	
3	Sep 11	Introduction to Classification	
4	Sep 14	Decision Tree (Part I)	
4	Sep 16	Decision Tree (Part II)	A 1.1 Due; A 1.3 Out
4	Sep 18	Evaluation Metrics	
5	Sep 21	Evaluation Metrics and Model Evaluation	A 1.2 Due
5	Sep 23	Logistic Regression	
5	Sep 25	Nearest-Neighbor Classifiers	
6	Sep 28	Naïve Bayes Classifier	
6	Sep 30	Ensemble Classifier	
6	Oct 02	Demo: Building a Classification Model + Assignment	A 2 Out
7	Oct 05	Classification Tasks on EHRs (Part I) + Demo	A 1.3 Due
7	Oct 07	Classification Tasks on EHRs (Part II) + Demo	
7	Oct 09	Classification Tasks on EHRs (Part III)	
8	Oct 12	Introduction to Clustering	
8	Oct 14	K-means	
8	Oct 16	Autumn Break - no classes	
9	Oct 19	Strengths and Weaknesses of K-means	A 2 Due
9	Oct 21	Hierarchical Clustering	
9	Oct 23	Strengths and Weaknesses of Hierarchical Clustering	
10	Oct 26	DBSCAN Clustering	

10	Oct 28	Cluster Evaluation	A 3 Out
10	Oct 30	Clustering Using Mixture Models	
11	Nov 02	Demo: Building a Clustering Model + Assignment	
11	Nov 04	Clustering Tasks on EHRs (Part I) + Demo	
11	Nov 06	Clustering Tasks on EHRs (Part I) + Demo	
12	Nov 09	Clustering Tasks on EHRs (Part II)	
12	Nov 11	Veterans Day - no classes	A 3 Due
12	Nov 13	Introduction to Data Visualization	
13	Nov 16	Basic Data Visualization: Line Plot, Bar Plot, Area Plot, Histogram	
13	Nov 18	Specialized Data Visualization: Pie Chart, Box Plot, Scatter Plot	
13	Nov 20	Advanced Data Visualization: Waffle Chart, Word Cloud, Regression Plot	
14	Nov 23	Creating Dashboard with Plotly	
14	Nov 25	Thanksgiving Break - no classes	
14	Nov 27	Thanksgiving Break - no classes	A 4 Out
15	Nov 30	Interactive Dashboard with Dash	
15	Dec 02	Data Visualization for EHR data	
15	Dec 04	Advanced Topic 1: Treatment Effect Estimation on EHR	
16	Dec 07	Advanced Topic 2: Human-Centered Decision Support	
16	Dec 09	Course Summary	A 4 Due
16	Dec 11	Final examinations - no classes	
17	Dec 14	Final examinations - no classes	
17	Dec 16	Final examinations - no classes	
17	Dec 18	Last day of the semester	Post All Grades