



## Course Syllabus: **Data Mining and Text Analytics in Business**

Dillard College of Business Administration

MIS 4343 Section 201

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### Instructor Response Policy

Dr. Luo will try to response all emails within 24 hours on the weekdays.

### Textbook & Instructional Materials

#### Suggested Reading Lists:

Machine Learning with Python Cookbook; ISBN-13: 978-1491989388 by Chris Albon

Applied Text Analysis with Python; ISBN-13: 978-1491963043 by Benjamin Bengfort, Rebecca Bilbro, and Tony Ojeda

Machine Learning Techniques for Text: Apply modern techniques with Python for text processing, dimensionality reduction, classification, and evaluation; ISBN-13: 978-1803242385 by Nikos Tsourakis

Python Machine Learning: Machine Learning and Deep Learning with Python, scikit-learn, and TensorFlow 2; ISBN-13: 978-1789955750 by Sebastian Raschka, Vahid Mirjalili

Python Machine Learning By Example: Build intelligent systems using Python, TensorFlow 2, PyTorch, and scikit-learn; ISBN-13: 978-1800209718 by Yuxi Liu

A PC/laptop/tablet with webcam capability, be able to run PyCharm Professional (Chromebooks won't work due to insufficient computing power)

PyCharm Professional (Free for student account)

Additional readings are posted to D2L.

## Course Description

The course will prepare students with the concepts and skills necessary to understand and apply various techniques and methodologies in data mining and text analytics. These include supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms such as decision trees, clustering, regression, support vector machines, and neural networks. Additionally, students will learn text mining techniques like sentiment analysis, topic classification, text summarization, and text generation, all within time constraints.

The course will demonstrate how these techniques can be effectively applied to solve real-world business problems. Students will gain hands-on experience using popular data mining tools, particularly Python, to extract valuable insights from large datasets.

Furthermore, students will be introduced to the latest trends and advancements in text analytics, including machine learning-based approaches for text classification, topic modeling, and named entity recognition. By the end of the course, students will possess a comprehensive understanding of data mining and text analytics, enabling them to apply their knowledge effectively in real-world business scenarios.

## Course Objectives

### I. **General Learning Goals:**

- Our students will be effective at problem solving and decision-making.  
Objective: Our graduates will demonstrate problem solving and decision-making abilities through the critical analysis, evaluation, and interpretation of business information.
- Our students will be effective communicators.  
Objective: Our graduates will be able to demonstrate a competency in speaking and writing for common business scenarios.
  - 2a: Our graduates will be able to demonstrate a competency in speaking for common business scenarios.
  - 2b: Our graduates will be able to demonstrate a competency in writing for common business scenarios.
- Our students will be technologically prepared.  
Objective: Our graduates will be able to utilize available technology for business applications.
- Our students will be ethical decision makers.  
Objective: Our graduates will demonstrate ethical reasoning skills within a business environment.
- Our students will be effective team members.  
Objective: Our graduates will know how to use team building and collaboration to achieve group objectives.
- Our students will be multicultural and globally aware.  
Objective: Our graduates will understand the influence of global and multicultural issues on business activities.

These general learning goals are among those established by the Dillard College of Business Administration. General learning goals represent the skills that graduates will carry with them into their careers. While assessing student performance in obtaining these general learning goals, the Dillard College is assessing its programs. The assessments will assist us as we improve our curriculum and curriculum delivery.

**II. Course Specific Learning Goals: After completing this course, students should be able to:**

- Understand the fundamental concepts and techniques of data mining and text analytics, including text pre-processing, feature extraction, and classification.
- Learn how to use Python libraries such as pandas, NumPy, and scikit-learn for data manipulation and analysis.
- Learn how to use Python libraries such as NLTK and spaCy for natural language processing tasks, including tokenization, stemming, and lemmatization.
- Apply text analytics and data mining techniques to real-world business problems, such as sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and predictive modeling.
- Visualize and communicate the results of data mining and text analytics using Python libraries such as matplotlib and seaborn.
- Gain hands-on experience with various real-world text datasets and business case studies.
- Understand the ethical and legal considerations of data mining and text analytics, emphasizing the importance of responsible data practices.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook-2021-22](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

### Grading/Assessment

- Exams (3): Both exams are open-book open-notes exams. Exams will cover assigned chapters, in-class lectures, videos, and any assigned readings. Students are responsible for all assigned textbook material, even if it is not directly discussed in class.
- Team Project: All students will participate in a team presentation. Details of the assignment will be provided, and team formation will be accomplished.
- Quizzes: Up to 100 points will be assigned to quizzes. Quizzes will be regular provided for each section to enhance students' skill.
- Homework: 100 points will be assigned to homework. Homework assignments are due before the beginning of class on the specified due date. All homework assignments are individual homework (not team/group/collaborative homework), unless otherwise specified by the instructor.
- Class Participation: Class participation is an important part to evaluate a student's engagement in this online course. It is evaluated based on the online discussion activities. There are 14 discussion topics in the discussion forum on our D2L course website. Students are required to posted questions related to the discussion topics and/or answer other students' questions in the online discussion. Credit will be given if a student post at least 1 message for each two discussion topics within the specific timelines. The timelines for online discussion can be found in the calendar on our D2L course website.

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Exam I	100
Exam II	100
Team Project	150
Quizzes	100
Homework	100
Class Participation	50
Total	600

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	540-600
B	480-539
C	420-479
D	360-419
F	<360

### Late Work

Late homework less than one week after deadline maybe accepted, certain points will be deducted.

### Make Up Work/Tests

Students with excused absences may make up missed examinations, quizzes (announced and unannounced), and in-class activities, but supporting documents are required. Arrangements must be made in advance if possible. In all cases, the instructor must be contacted no later than the day of the scheduled exam or no make-up will be allowed. At the instructor's discretion, a deduction may be assessed for a late exam.

Excused absences include active military/police/firefighter assignment, jury duty, university-authorized absences (for example, athlete events or study-abroad programs), and medical emergency for yourself or your immediate family member. For more information about university authorized absences, please refer to Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog:

<https://catalog.msutexas.edu>

### Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: 01/21/2025-01/24/2025

Deadline to file for graduation: 02/17/2025

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" 03/05/2025, 04/30/2025

Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

### Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

### Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. In those classes where attendance is considered as part of the grade, the instructor should so inform students of the specifics in writing at the beginning of the semester in a syllabus or separate attendance policy statement. An instructor who has an attendance policy must keep records on a daily basis. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being punished. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Any individual faculty member or college has the authority to establish an attendance policy, providing the policy is in accordance with the General University Policies.

### Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have

(or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***\*Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ***\*Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world that is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

#### Instructor Class Policies

- No food or beverage is allowed in the classroom. This is a college policy.
- Please come to class on time. Take care of personal business prior to class. I do not expect you to leave and return to class (unless there was an emergency, and you explain it to me after class).
- Class time is not for surfing the Web, monitoring Facebook, texting, or catching up on email. You will be asked to leave the class if you continually violate this policy. The same thing applies to cell phone usage for messaging during class.
- Turn off or silence your cell phones and any other electronic devices and put them away. Please, no texting. I think we can all go a little over an hour without contact with the outside world! Leaving class to return calls and coming back is not acceptable. If you have an emergency that requires your cell phone to be on, let me know and we'll work something out.
- Dress appropriately and conduct yourself professionally and with respect toward your peers and the instructor. Please don't talk while the instructor or others are discussing course materials. Participating in the class is the best way to avoid disturbing the class.
- Follow MSU Covid19 behavioral policies and procedures

#### Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the [Schedule of Classes](#) each semester.

#### Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the

tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

### Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

### College Policies

#### Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

#### Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU TEXAS Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

#### Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

#### Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

## Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

## Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

## Weather Procedure

In the event of inclement weather, in-person class meetings will be canceled. Alternative assignments, such as online tasks or video-based activities, will be provided to ensure continued learning.

## Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

## AI-Tool Policy

We encourage students to harness AI tools, like ChatGPT, within the following guidelines:

- **English Writing:** Use AI for grammar and syntax improvement.
- **Drafting & Structuring:** Employ AI to help generate and structure case study drafts.
- **Summarization:** Use AI tools for concise summaries of lengthy case studies.
- **Coding Quality:** Leverage GitHub Copilot (or similar tools) to improve code quality, generate sample codes, and enhance programming efficiency.

However:

- **Original Thought:** While using AI for assistance, students must develop and present their own unique opinions on cases.
- **Academic Integrity:** Understand and support any content from AI tools. Avoid over-reliance and ensure originality. Misrepresentation will face academic consequences.

Leverage AI benefits responsibly and prioritize genuine understanding and original thinking.



### Course Tentative Schedule:

Please keep this syllabus as a reference! Students are responsible for all information contained in the syllabus and for any changes to the syllabus, which will be announced in class.

### Course Tentative Schedule

<b>MIS 4343 Spring 2025 Tentative Course Schedule</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1	01/20/2025	Monday	Martin Luther King's Day	No classes
	01/22/2025	Wednesday	Introduction	Class overview, Python skill tests
2	01/27/2025	Monday	1	Python Basic
	01/29/2025	Wednesday	1	Python Basic (cont.)
3	02/03/2025	Monday	2	Python Basic II
	02/05/2025	Wednesday	2	Python Basic II (cont.)
4	02/10/2025	Monday	3	Python Collection
	02/12/2025	Wednesday	3	Python Collection (cont.)
5	02/17/2025	Monday	4	Python Modules
	02/19/2025	Wednesday	4	Python Modules (cont.)
6	02/24/2025	Monday	Midterm Exam for Python Basic	Midterm Exam for Python Basic
	02/26/2025	Wednesday	5	Data Mining Basic
7	03/03/2025	Monday	5	Data Mining Basic (cont.)
	03/05/2025	Wednesday	5	Data Mining Basic (cont.)
8	03/10/2025	Monday	Spring Break	No classes
	03/12/2025	Wednesday	Spring Break	No classes
9	03/17/2025	Monday	6	Data Mining Classifiers
	03/19/2025	Wednesday	6	Data Mining Classifiers (cont.)
10	03/24/2025	Monday	7	Data Mining Classifiers II
	03/26/2025	Wednesday	7	Data Mining Classifiers II (cont.)
11	03/31/2025	Monday	Midterm Exam for Data Mining	Midterm Exam for Data Mining
	04/02/2025	Wednesday	8	Natural Language Processing Basic
12	04/07/2025	Monday	9	NLP Words Processing
	04/09/2025	Wednesday	9	NLP Words Processing (cont.)
13	04/14/2025	Monday	10	Data Collection
	04/16/2025	Wednesday	10	Data Collection (cont.)
14	04/21/2025	Monday	11	NLP Applications
	04/23/2025	Wednesday	11	NLP Applications (cont.)
15	04/28/2025	Monday	12	NLP Applications II
	04/30/2025	Wednesday	12	NLP Applications II (cont.)
16	05/05/2025	Monday	13	Transformer Models
	05/07/2025	Wednesday	13	Transformer Models
<b>Final</b>	05/14/2025	Wednesday	Exam for Text Analysis	Exam for Text Analysis