

# Foundations of Natural Language Processing (FNLP)

Response to student feedback in 2017/18 course survey

I/We have taken note of the feedback from students in this course survey, and have the following comments in response:

- The lecturers will ensure that demonstrators know how to make themselves known to the students doing the labs, and also supply them with advice on how to give students targeted and personally tailored help with the exercises.
- Students struggling with python should ask the lab demonstrators for help. They can also read about python basics and NLTK in the textbook "Natural Language Processing with Python" (Bird et al).
- We note a couple of comments that the course is perhaps too easy (though it's not clear if those comments are representative as a whole, nor whether the students who make those comments have taken into account that this is a level 9 course). The marks for the assignments had a fairly large variance, and so for the time being, we plan to keep the level of difficulty largely as before and closely monitor how students fare in the coming year.
- There was one request for tutorials. For the time being we don't plan to do this, because there are plans to change the course into a 20 point course in the near future. At that point, we will seriously consider introducing tutorials.

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