

Topics in Natural Language Processing (TNLP)

Response to student feedback in 2017/18 course survey

The course is not running in 2018/19.

- Thank you for all the students who have given feedback about the class. I enjoyed giving the class, and I hope students learned something useful through it. The course, unfortunately, will not be given in the next academic year. However, your notes are taken into consideration, and if we give this course again, we will address the issues that were raised.
- The main concern I saw coming from students throughout the semester was in regards to the amount of work involved. I understand that this course does require a significant amount of work, and I will make it more clear next time. It is intended as a point of entry for research in Natural Language Processing, which does require being dedicated to the topic. In addition, I understand some students struggled with the pencil-and-paper exercise, but I think it is important to reinforce the material in the lectures with such exercise, as the lectures are not being examined on. Perhaps one solution, as students suggested, is to increase the relative mark of the exercise so that it correlates more with students effort. I will also consider making the exercise easier.

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