

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
Accounting and Information Systems Department

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CIS 4301 Business Intelligence & Decision Modeling, Fall 2022

IMPORTANT: This is a programming class. Students will be actively programming from the first week of class to the last. Students are expected to dedicate hours of study time outside of class.

Class Hours: 3:00 – 4:20 pm, MW, BUSN 311

Office Hours: TTR, 3:00 to 5:00pm, by appointment only

Textbook: Reading material will be announced during the semester as determined by Dr. Gonzales.

Course Software:

- IBM SPSS Modeler
- Excel
- SAS

Course Description: The focus of this course is on popular analytics models (predictive, optimization, prescriptive) used in different industries and functional areas. Students will learn how to formulate, solve, and interpret different optimization and simulation models. Decision modeling processes will be covered, which will enable students to translate practical decision problems into quantitative models; analyze the properties of decision models; apply appropriate decision models; execute models with software tools; and interpret the model outputs for intelligent decisions.

Course Instruction: This is a hands-on class where students will be working with relevant software from day one. While reading material is recommended, it is the responsibility of the student to research topics covered in class. Some course content may be conducted remotely and the professor reserves the right to change the course content and schedule.

Grade Components:

| | Weight |
|---------------------|--------|
| Practical Exams (3) | 300 |
| Final Exam | 100 |
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| Total (400 points) | 400 |

| Final Grade | Range |
|-------------|------------|
| A | 90% and up |
| B | 80-89% |
| C | 70-79% |
| D | 60-69% |
| F | below 60% |

Exams: All students are required to take the exams at the scheduled time which is to be announced in class. Makeup will only be given to students who have to miss due to “excused absences due to university-recognized activities” or under extreme circumstance. These students are required to send written notice to the instructor about the university-recognized activities ahead of time. See student handbook for a description of these activities.

Final Exam: Any student with a ‘B’ or better after the 3rd exam will not have to take the final.

Practical Exams and Project Grading: Professor will assign exam scores based on the following:

- Program execution without errors
- Program accomplishing objectives of assignment

CIS4330 Course Outline
(Professor reserves the right to change the course syllabus.)

| Dates | Topic |
|--------------|---|
| 08/22 | - Course review and technology installation |
| 08/24 | - Review of AI, Data Science, and Machine Learning |
| 08/29 | - SPSS Modeler Review – CRISP-DMS |
| 08/31 | |
| 09/05 | - UTEP CLOSED – Labor Day |
| 09/07 | - Examine Source Data Quality Using SQL - Sales |
| 09/12 | - Examine Source Data Quality Using SQL - Products |
| 09/14 | - Extract Sales/Products Source Data and Exam Quality in SPSS |
| 09/19 | - Data Prep & Feature Engineering - Join Sales and Products |
| 09/21 | |
| 09/26 | - Modeling – Sales and Products for Predictive Analysis |
| 09/28 | |
| 10/03 | - Practical Exam #1 Review - SPSS Modeler |
| 10/05 | - Practical Exam #1 – SPSS Modeler |
| 10/10 | - Text Mining and Natural Language Processing Use Case & Data Set |
| 10/12 | |
| 10/17 | - Text Mining and Natural Language Processing Use Case & Data Set |
| 10/19 | |
| 10/24 | - Practical Exam #2 Review - SPSS TM/NLP |
| 10/26 | - Practical Exam #2 – SPSS TM/NLP |
| 10/28 | LAST DAY TO DROP |
| 10/31 | - Data Prep & Feature Engineering for Exploratory Analysis |
| 11/02 | |
| 11/07 | - Data Prep & Feature Engineering for Exploratory Analysis |
| 11/09 | |
| 11/14 | - Data Prep & Feature Engineering for Exploratory Analysis |
| 11/16 | - Exploratory Algorithms |
| 11/21 | - Practical Exam #3 Review – SPSS Exploratory |
| 11/23 | - Practical Exam #3 – SPSS Exploratory |
| 11/28 | - Course and Final Exam Review |
| 11/30 | |
| DEC | Comprehensive Final Exam |
| 12-05 | |

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