

MICRO-401

**Machine learning programming**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Financial engineering	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Mechanical engineering	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Microtechnics	MA1, MA3	Opt.
Robotics	MA1, MA3	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Withdrawal Session	Unauthorized Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	During the semester
Workload	60h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>2 weekly</b>
Practical work	2 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

This is a practice-based course, where students program algorithms in machine learning and evaluate the performance of the algorithm thoroughly using real-world dataset.

**Content**

This programming class complements courses on machine learning given in the school. It offers students the possibility to understand some machine learning algorithms in depth by programming them and testing them rigorously. Students will be offered a choice of methods to program. Programming can be done in matlab or C/C++. Proper evaluation of machine learning will be stressed out. Students will learn about various methods to evaluate machine learning methods (crossvalidation, grid search, F-measure, ROC curve, etc) and will be asked to put these in practice.

**Keywords**

Programming in matlab. Machine Learning. Statistics.

**Learning Prerequisites****Required courses**

Students must have taken a machine learning course or follow one during the same semester. This programming class is meant to complement the Applied Machine Learning course, but can also complement other machine learning courses given at EPFL.

Students have at their disposal videos presenting the theory of the pendant course Applied Machine Learning as supplementary material.

**Recommended courses**

Applied Machine Learning - MICRO-455  
 Pattern Classification and Machine Learning: CS-433  
 Data Analysis and Model Classification - EE-516

**Important concepts to start the course**

Basic notions in Machine Learning:  
 Supervised versus unsupervised learning  
 Classification, non-linear regression, clustering

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Produce code for steps of ML algorithms
- Develop a reasoning process to transform an algorithm into programming code

### Transversal skills

- Use both general and domain specific IT resources and tools

### Teaching methods

Computer-based practice session. Some short ex-cathedra lectures will be given at the beginning of the class.

### Expected student activities

Attendance to all sessions is necessary to progress rapidly and benefit from assistants' support.

### Assessment methods

The students are evaluated on pieces of code handed out regularly throughout the course.

### Supervision

Office hours	No
Assistants	Yes
Forum	Yes

### Resources

#### Virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI)

No

#### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/MICRO-401>

#### Videos

- <https://tube.switch.ch/channels/7e86d16d>

### Prerequisite for

Students must know how to program in Matlab (or C which is close and then be ready to learn Matlab).