



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Readings in Artificial Intelligence		
Module Code	UFCFYK-15-3	Level	Level 6
For implementation from	2018-19		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Computer Science and Creative Technologies
Department	FET Dept of Computer Sci & Creative Tech		
Contributes towards			
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	Biocomputation 2018-19		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: This module will introduce students to a thematic selection of recent research articles pertaining to intelligent systems, more particularly artificial intelligence, allowing them to précis the material sufficiently well to form the basis of a personal perspective on the issues raised. The module will be based around selected articles from current research in intelligent systems and may be determined by staff interests. In any one year, selected articles might come from any of the following: Biological and Social Paradigms; Genetics Algorithms; Philosophy of AI; Intelligent Agents; Knowledge and Reasoning; Natural Language Processing; Neural Networks; Collective Intelligence.</p> <p>On completion of the module the student should be well placed to continue their studies through the assimilation of published research papers</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: Cogent integrated argument will be encouraged rather than the assertion of particular content or thoughtless regurgitation of authoritative views. Quality will be judged to have a coherent theme; justified conclusions, and consideration shown of both position and contra-position. Furthermore, personal judgement and argument will have been substantiated by citing supporting evidence.</p>

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Teaching and Learning Methods: The module is delivered through a mix of lectures, seminars, and conferencing. A lecture session will be made available such that researchers and students can present material to the whole group if appropriate. Seminar sessions will be available through which the tutor may deliver material but their primary purpose is for students' group work. Students will be typically expected to present their work visually and verbally, and participate in reviews, presentations and conferences which may involve any part of the cohort, and soliciting the views of others on their own understandings.

The cooperation and involvement of a number of researchers will be sought and hopefully they can provide a lecture and associated research paper to seed the activities. There will have to be some flexibility in the approach as the number of willing researchers will vary from year to year. As such the module leader will ensure that an equivalent activity occurs which may or may not involve the module leader presenting material and/or some other equivalence.

Essentially students will be developing strategies for dealing with unfamiliar and difficult reading material and testing their understanding, credibly, through other students and academics.

The module will start with an awareness of professional literature, whereby candidate research papers will be found; including some from local researchers.

The selected papers will be addressed by a prescribed series of activities that may include a lecture by the paper's author.

An exam question related to the paper will then be created by the module leader, and the students in that particular group will work towards addressing the issues around it.

The module leader will ensure that the final paper is equally balanced such that all students have had a similar learning experience and opportunities

Part 3: Assessment

The summative assessment for this module is a three hour exam, whereby the student will be presented with open questions in the sense that they are known to the students and have been established by the tutor during the year. Of these questions two of them will be particularly familiar to any one student as they will have been studying the related research during the year.

Formative assessment will be a continuous activity whereby students will, within constraints set by the tutor, select articles from recent journals. Within small groups they will locate, copy, read, and précis the article in preparation for student led discussions building a corporate body of opinion, using a conferencing system, with the tutor ensuring essential omission does not occur. Within conference discussions students will develop their own arguments and perspectives on a particular topic. The nature of the material is, of necessity, difficult, ambiguous, and often incites polarised positions amongst experts with much of the work unfinished or unproven.

The tasks and associated exam questions will be, for the most part, deliberately broad to allow students to express their personal perspectives on the issues discussed within their conference groups. The conference task is to prepare notes and argument for an open exam question.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Examination - Component A	✓	100 %	Examination (3 hours)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Examination - Component A	✓	100 %	Examination (3 hours)

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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods		
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to:	
	Module Learning Outcomes	
	MO1	Show detailed knowledge and clear understanding of two recent research articles on selected themes in artificial intelligence, and identify distinct facets and perspectives of a complex and multi-disciplinary area of research.
	MO2	Develop argument and counterargument, clearly, with logical conclusions with no extraneous points, with critical evaluation and analysis of such arguments.
	MO3	Establish that all crucial research, cited as supporting evidence has been considered, evaluating this research and if appropriate synthesizing anew
	MO4	Show that all/any personal judgment is substantiated, evaluating them in the context of present trends and developments
	MO5	Develop a coherent theme with integrated material and a sense of completeness.
Contact Hours	Contact Hours	
	Independent Study Hours:	
	Independent study/self-guided study	114
	Total Independent Study Hours:	114
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	
	Face-to-face learning	36
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	36
	Hours to be allocated	150
	Allocated Hours	150
Reading List	<p>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html</p>	