Summary of the document:

**CMPSC 370**
Artificial Intelligence
Spring 2008
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**Brief Course Information**

**Office Hours:** My office is in Alden 105, extension 2883. My hours are Tues. and Thurs. 1:30 – 4 p.m., Weds. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., and by appointment. The best way to schedule an appointment is to send me an e-mail. For my full schedule, see the link on the course Web page.

**Text:** *Machine Learning* by Tom Mitchell. Other readings will be assigned from the Web and class handouts.

**Lab:** Mondays, 2:30 – 4:20, in Alden 101.

**Final Exam:** Exam code D (Friday, 2 May, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.)

**Grading:** (All percentages are approximate!)

- Lab assignments: approx. 45%
- Midterm exams (two): approx. 10% apiece
- Final exam: approx. 15%
- Final project: approx. 10%
- Attendance: approx. 5%
- Miscellaneous (in-class exercises, quizzes, etc): approx. 5%

**Policies:**

**Attendance and Participation.** It is expected that students in this course will attend every class and formally scheduled laboratory session. Attendance will be taken periodically and a portion (5%) of the final grade will be determined by attendance.

Whenever possible, advise me of legitimately excusable absences (such as illness, death in the family, or certain college sponsored activities) prior to the class you will be missing. If you know in advance of specific conflicts due to athletic events or other reasons, please provide me with a list of dates and reasons as soon as possible so I can avoid problems in scheduling.

**Departmental Late Policy.** The following policy was adopted by the entire computer science department, effective beginning in fall of 2004:

All assignments will have a due date. The products of your work are to be turned in at the beginning of class or lab on the due date. Late assignments will be accepted for up to one week past the assigned due date with a 10% penalty. All late assignments must be submitted at the beginning of the first class or laboratory that is scheduled one week after the given due date. No assignments will be accepted for credit after the one week late period. It is the student’s responsibility to keep secure backups of all assignments and labs.
Collaboration and the Honor Code. All students enrolled at Allegheny College are bound by the honor code. It is expected that your behavior will reflect that commitment. To this end, we expect that you will adhere to the following Department Policy:

Department of Computer Science Honor Code Policy

It is recognized that an important part of the learning process in any course, and particularly in computer science, derives from thoughtful discussions with teachers, student assistants, and fellow students. Such dialogue is encouraged. However, it is necessary to distinguish carefully between the student who discusses the principles underlying a problem with others, and the student who produces assignments that are identical to or merely variations on someone else’s work. It will therefore be understood that all assignments submitted to the faculty of the Department of Computer Science are to be the original work of the student submitting the assignment, and should be signed in accordance with the provisions of the Honor Code. Appropriate action will be taken when assignments give evidence that they were derived from the work of others.


Exam Scheduling. Tentative dates for the first and second exams are listed below. It is your responsibility to check your schedule for your other courses as well as any special events you know of (class trips, etc.) and to notify me of any conflicts well in advance of the scheduled exam date. If many people are affected, I will try to change the date of the exam (but of course I can’t guarantee that everyone will be happy with the date).

Scheduling of the final exam is determined by the College. Please read the appropriate sections of the student handbook, *The Compass* (online at http://www.allegheny.edu/campus/policies/handbook.php). The section dealing with exams is on page 121. In particular, it says, “No student may be excused from a final examination or take the examination at a time other than the officially scheduled period.”

E-mail.

“The use of email is a primary method of communication on campus. . . . All students are provided with a campus email account and address while enrolled at Allegheny and are expected to check the account on a regular basis.” [*The Compass*, 2007–2008, p. 5, online at http://www.allegheny.edu/campus/policies/handbook.php]

I will sometimes need to send out announcements to the class about things such as clarifications to assignments, changes in the class schedule, or other matters. I will use your Allegheny College e-mail account to do this. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail at least once a day, and to make certain that your e-mail is working correctly (able to send and receive messages).

Special Needs and Disabilities The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons
with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Learning Commons at 332-2898.