

INFO B506 Biomedical Informatics
Department of BioHealth Informatics

Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing, Indianapolis

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: None (Basic programming skills required)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers the latest biomedical informatics concepts, technologies, and skills, including infrastructure and data management, image analytics, visualization, and API design and implementation for healthcare. Students analyze healthcare and biomedical information, infer the outcomes of data processing and analysis, and master the tools required for biomedical data analytics.

REFERENCE TEXT(S):

Introduction to Biomedical Data Science

By Robert E. Hoyt and Robert Muenchen, 2019

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Teaching and Learning Methods

Active Learning (AL), Lecture by instructor with slides and audiovisual aids.

Principles of Graduate and Professional Learning (PGPL)

1. Knowledge and skills mastery Moderate emphasis
2. Critical thinking Major emphasis
3. Effective communication Some emphasis

Core Competencies:

The following AMIA biomedical informatics core competencies¹ are covered in the course:

1. Acquire professional perspective: Summarize and explain the history and values of the discipline and its relationship to related fields while demonstrating an ability to read, interpret, and critique the core literatures.

1 <https://www.amia.org/biomedical-informatics-core-competencies>

2. Produce solutions: Use the problem analysis to identify and understand the space of possible solutions and generate designs that capture essential aspects of solutions and their components
3. Implement, evaluate, and refine: Demonstrate an ability to carry out the solution, to assess its validity, and iteratively improve its design.
4. Theories: Understand and apply syntactic, semantic, cognitive, social, and pragmatic theories as they are used in biomedical informatics
5. Representation: Understand and apply representations and models that are applicable to biomedical data, information, and knowledge
6. Fundamental knowledge: Understand and gain experience applying the fundamentals of the field in the context of biomedical problems, particularly - Information documentation, storage, and retrieval; Machine learning, including data mining
7. Procedural knowledge and skills: For substantive problems related to scientific inquiry, problem solving, and decision making, analyze and critically evaluate solutions based on biomedical informatics approaches, particularly - Analyze, select, apply, and evaluate biomedical informatics methods

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will

Outcomes	RBT	PGPL	AMIA Competencies	Assessment
Design and develop biomedical research by applying the essential skills of information and knowledge management.	6	1, 2	2, 3, 6, 7	mid- term, final exam
Summarize and differentiate the specific areas of biomedical informatics, such as bioinformatics, health informatics, clinical informatics, imaging informatics	4	3	3	Homework
Analyze biomedical data using different tools, systems, and packages.	4	2	7	Hands-on, homework
Create data visualizations using different software systems	6	3	7, 5	Hands-on, homework
Analyze clinical data using various programming languages and software, such as Python and SQL.	4	2	2	Hands-on, homework

TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week	Class topic	Reading	Assignments and Submissions

1	Introduction of the class arrangements	Syllabus	
2	Overview of Biomedical Data Science	Ch 1	Homework 1 assigned
3	Spread sheet tools and tips	Ch 2	
4	Biostatistics primer	Ch 3	Homework 2 assigned
5	Data visualization	Ch 4	
6	Introduction to databases	Ch 5	Homework 3 assigned
7	Big data	Ch 6	
8	Midterm exam		
9	Bioinformatics and precision medicine	Ch 7	Homework 4 assigned
10	Spring break		
11	Programming languages for data analysis	Ch 8	
12	Machine learning	Ch 9	Homework 5 assigned
13	Artificial intelligence	Ch 10	
14	Deep learning in BMI	handouts	
15	TBD		
16	Final exam		

Grading Information:

- Homework (5x) 50% (10% for each)
- Quiz 10%
- Exams
- Mid-term exam 20%
- Final exam 20%
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One point shall be deducted for each absence of the class from the final score. At most 5 points will be deducted for absences.

Grading Scale (Graduate):

A+	97 – 100	Outstanding achievement, given at the instructor’s discretion
A	93 – 96.99	Excellent achievement
A–	90 – 92.99	Very good performance and quality of work
B+	87 – 89.99	Good performance and quality of work
B	83 – 86.99	Modestly acceptable performance and quality of work
B–	80 – 82.99	Marginal acceptable performance and quality of work
C+	77 – 79.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
C	73 – 76.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
C–	70 – 72.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
D+	67 – 69.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
D	63 – 66.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
D–	60 – 62.99	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)
F	Below 60	Unacceptable work (Course must be repeated for credit)

Grading Scale (Undergraduate):

Minimum %	Grade	Interpretation
97	A+	Professional level work, showing highest level of achievement
93	A	Extraordinarily high achievement, quality of work; shows command of the subject matter
90	A-	Excellent and thorough knowledge of the subject matter
87	B+	Above average understanding of material and quality of work
83	B	Mastery and fulfillment of all course requirements; good, acceptable work
80	B-	Satisfactory quality of work
77	C+	Modestly acceptable performance and quality of work
73	C	Minimally acceptable performance and quality of work
70	C-	Unacceptable work (course must be repeated for credit)
67	D+	Unacceptable work (course must be repeated for credit)
63	D	Unacceptable work
60	D-	Unacceptable work
F	0	Unacceptable work

EXPECTATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND POLICIES

Attendance:

It is highly encouraged that you will participate in all class meetings, whether online or face-to-face, and conscientiously complete all required course activities and assignments. In case of special circumstances, students are allowed to follow the recorded class video. Note that all assignments and exams are still due the same time no matter whether you attend the class or not.

Incomplete:

The instructor may assign an Incomplete (I) grade only if at least 75% of the required coursework has been completed at passing quality and holding you to previously established time limits would result in unjust hardship to you. All unfinished work must be completed by the date set by the instructor. Left unchanged, an Incomplete automatically becomes an F after one year.

<http://registrar.iupui.edu/incomp.html>

Deliverables:

You are responsible for completing each deliverable (e.g., assignment, quiz) by its deadline and submitting it by the specified method. Deadlines are outlined in the syllabus or in supplementary documents accessible through OnCourse. Should you miss a class, you are still responsible for completing the deliverable and for finding out what was covered in class, including any new or modified deliverable. In fairness to the instructor and students who completed their work on time, a grade on a deliverable shall be reduced 10%, if it is submitted late and a further 10% for each 24-hour period it is submitted after the deadline.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All students should aspire to the highest standards of academic integrity. Using another student's work on an assignment, cheating on a test, not quoting or citing references correctly, or any other form of dishonesty or plagiarism shall result in a grade of zero on the item and possibly an F in the course. Incidences of academic misconduct shall be referred to the Department Chair and repeated violations shall result in dismissal from the program.

All students are responsible for reading, understanding, and applying the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct and in particular the section on academic misconduct. Refer to The Code > Responsibilities > Academic Misconduct at <http://www.indiana.edu/~code/>. All students must also successfully complete the Indiana University Department of Education "How to Recognize Plagiarism" Tutorial and Test. <https://www.indiana.edu/~istd> You must document the difference between your writing and that of others. Use quotation marks in addition to a citation, page number, and reference whenever writing someone else's words (e.g., following the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association). To detect plagiarism instructors apply a range of methods, including Turnitin.com. <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/libinfo/turnitin>

Academic misconduct:

1. Cheating: Cheating is considered to be an attempt to use or provide unauthorized assistance, materials, information, or study aids in any form and in any academic exercise or environment.
 - a. A student must not use external assistance on any "in-class" or "take-home" examination, unless the instructor specifically has authorized external assistance. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of tutors, books, notes, calculators, computers, and wireless communication devices.
 - b. A student must not use another person as a substitute in the taking of an examination or quiz, nor allow other persons to conduct research or to prepare work, without advanced authorization from the instructor to whom the work is being submitted.
 - c. A student must not use materials from a commercial term paper company, files of papers prepared by other persons, or submit documents found on the Internet.

- d. A student must not collaborate with other persons on a particular project and submit a copy of a written report that is represented explicitly or implicitly as the student's individual work.
 - e. A student must not use any unauthorized assistance in a laboratory, at a computer terminal, or on fieldwork.
 - f. A student must not steal examinations or other course materials, including but not limited to, physical copies and photographic or electronic images.
 - g. A student must not submit substantial portions of the same academic work for credit or honors more than once without permission of the instructor or program to whom the work is being submitted.
 - h. A student must not, without authorization, alter a grade or score in any way, nor alter answers on a returned exam or assignment for credit.
2. Fabrication: A student must not falsify or invent any information or data in an academic exercise including, but not limited to, records or reports, laboratory results, and citation to the sources of information.
3. Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common knowledge. What is considered "common knowledge" may differ from course to course.
- a. A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or pictures of another person without acknowledgment.
 - b. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge indebtedness whenever:
 - 1. directly quoting another person's actual words, whether oral or written;
 - 2. using another person's ideas, opinions, or theories;
 - 3. paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written;
 - 4. borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material; or
 - 5. offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgment
 - 4. Interference: A student must not steal, change, destroy, or impede another student's work, nor should the student unjustly attempt, through a bribe, a promise of favors or threats, to affect any student's grade or the evaluation of academic performance. Impeding another student's work includes, but is not limited to, the theft, defacement, or mutilation of resources so as to deprive others of the information they contain.
 - 5. Violation of course rules: A student must not violate course rules established by a department, the course syllabus, verbal or written instructions, or the course materials that are rationally related to the content of the course or to the enhancement of the learning process in the course.

6. Facilitating academic dishonesty: A student must not intentionally or knowingly help or attempt to help another student to commit an act of academic misconduct, nor allow another student to use his or her work or resources to commit an act of misconduct.

OTHER POLICIES

1. Administrative withdrawal: Students must participate in all class discussions and conscientiously complete all required course activities and/or assignments. If a student is unable to attend, participate in, or complete an assignment on time, the student must inform the instructor. If a student misses more than half of the required activities within the first 25% of the course without contacting the instructor, the student may be administratively withdrawn from this course. Administrative withdrawal may have academic, financial, and financial aid implications. Administrative withdrawal occurs after the full refund period, and a student who has been administratively withdrawn is ineligible for a tuition refund.

2. Civility: To maintain an effective and inclusive learning environment, it is important to be an attentive and respectful participant in lectures, discussions, group work, and other classroom exercises. Thus, unnecessary disruptions should be avoided, such as ringing cell phones, engagement in private conversations, and other unrelated activities. Cell phones, media players, or any noisy devices should be turned off during a class. Texting, web surfing, and posting to social media are generally not permitted. Laptop use may be permitted if it is used for taking notes or conducting class activities. Students should check with the instructor about permissible devices in class. IUPUI nurtures and promotes “a campus climate that seeks, values, and cultivates diversity in all of its forms and that provides conditions necessary for all campus community members to feel welcomed, supported, included, and valued” (IUPUI Strategic Initiative 9). IUPUI prohibits “discrimination against anyone for reasons of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, or veteran status” (Office of Equal Opportunity). Profanity or derogatory comments about the instructor, fellow students, invited speakers or other classroom visitors, or any members of the campus community shall not be tolerated. A violation of this rule shall result in a warning and, if the offense continues, possible disciplinary action.

3. Communication: For classroom-based courses, the instructor or teaching assistant should respond to emails by the end of the next class or, for online courses, within two Indiana University working days, which excludes weekends and holidays. The instructor should provide weekly office hours or accept appointments for face-to-face, telephone, or teleconferenced meetings, and announce periods of extended absence in advance.

4. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): Students seeking counseling or other psychological services should contact the CAPS office at 274-2548 or capsindy@iupui.edu. For more information visit <http://life.iupui.edu/caps/>.

5. Course evaluations: Course evaluations provide vital information for improving the quality of courses and programs. Students are urged to complete one course and instructor evaluation for each section in which they are enrolled at the School of Informatics and Computing with the following exceptions: (a) The student has withdrawn from the course; (b) fewer than five students are enrolled in the section (in which case maintaining anonymity is difficult); and (c) the section is a laboratory that must be taken with a course having a different section number. Course evaluations are completed at <https://soic.iupui.edu/app/course-eval/>. Course evaluations are typically open from the eleventh week. Course evaluations are anonymous, which means that no one can view the name of the student completing the evaluation. In addition, no one can view the evaluation itself until after the instructor has

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submitted the final grades. In small sections, demographic information should be left blank, if it could be used to identify the student.

6. **Disabilities policy:** All qualified students enrolled in this course are entitled to reasonable accommodations for a disability. Notify the instructor during the first week of class of accommodations needed. Students requiring accommodations register with Adaptive Educational Services (AES) and complete the appropriate AES-issued before receiving accommodations. The AES office is located at UC 100, Taylor Hall (Email: aes@iupui.edu, Tel. 317 274-3241). For more information visit <http://aes.iupui.edu>.

7. **Email:** Indiana University uses your IU email account as an official means of communication, and students should check it daily. Although you may have your IU email forwarded to an outside email account, please email faculty and staff from your IU email account.

8. **Emergency preparedness:** Know what to do in an emergency so that you can protect yourself and others. For more information, visit the emergency management website at <http://protect.iu.edu/emergency>.

9. **IUPUI course policies:** A number of campus policies governing IUPUI courses may be found at the following link: http://registrar.iupui.edu/course_policies.html

10. **No class attendance without enrollment.** Only those who are officially enrolled in this course may attend class unless enrolled as an auditor or making up an Incomplete by prior arrangement with the instructor. This policy does not apply to those assisting a student with a documented disability, serving in an instructional role, or administrative personnel. <http://registrar.iupui.edu/official-enrollment-class-attendance.html> Children may not attend class with their parents, guardians, or childcare providers.

11. **Religious holidays:** Students seeking accommodation for religious observances must submit a request form to the course instructor by the end of the second week of the semester. For information visit <http://registrar.iupui.edu/religious.html>.

12. **Right to revise:** The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus as necessary and, in such an event, will notify students of the changes immediately.

13. **Sexual misconduct:** IU does not tolerate sexual harassment or violence. For more information and resources, visit <http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/>.

14. **Student advocate:** The Student Advocate assists students with personal, financial, and academic issues. The Student Advocate is in the Campus Center, Suite 350, and may also be contacted at 317 274-4431 or studvoc@iupui.edu. For more information visit <http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/advocate>.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of IUPUI is to provide for its constituents excellence in

- Teaching and Learning;
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity; and
- Civic Engagement.

With each of these core activities characterized by

- Collaboration within and across disciplines and with the community;
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- A commitment to ensuring diversity; and
- Pursuit of best practices.

IUPUI's mission is derived from and aligned with the principal components—Communities of Learning, Responsibilities of Excellence, Accountability and Best Practices—of Indiana University's Strategic Directions Charter.

STATEMENT OF VALUES

IUPUI values the commitment of students to learning; of faculty to the highest standards of teaching, scholarship, and service; and of staff to the highest standards of service. IUPUI recognizes students as partners in learning. IUPUI values the opportunities afforded by its location in Indiana's capital city and is committed to serving the needs of its community. Thus, IUPUI students, faculty, and staff are involved in the community, both to provide educational programs and patient care and to apply learning to community needs through service. As a leader in fostering collaborative relationships, IUPUI values collegiality, cooperation, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship as well as honesty, integrity, and support for open inquiry and dissemination of findings. IUPUI is committed to the personal and professional development of its students, faculty, and staff and to continuous improvement of its programs and services.