

San José State University
College of Science/Department of Computer Science
CS 274, Topics in Web Intelligence, Section 2, Spring, 2026

Course and Contact Information

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| Prerequisites: | CS 157A or instructor consent. |

Course Description

Topics in web intelligence including finding similar items, mining data streams, link analysis, frequent itemsets, advertising on the web, recommender systems, and mining social-network graphs. Relevant applications will be covered. Significant programming project is required.

Course Format

This is an in-person course. All students registered for a College of Science (CoS) class with an in-person component must view the [CoS COVID-19 Training](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vmp39U9-CNpbwRobtZsGIZPTgRwV_Nh6) (at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vmp39U9-CNpbwRobtZsGIZPTgRwV_Nh6) slides and the [SJSU Phased Adapt Plan](https://www.sjsu.edu/healthadvisories/sjsu-adapt/phases/index.php) (at <https://www.sjsu.edu/healthadvisories/sjsu-adapt/phases/index.php>) website and acknowledge reading them according to their instructor's directions. By working together to follow these county and SJSU safety practices, we can keep our college safer. Students who do not follow COVID-19 Safety practice(s) outlined in the training, the SJSU Phased Adapt Plan, or instructions from their instructors, TAs or CoS Safety Staff may be dismissed from CoS buildings, facilities or field sites. Please review this training as needed throughout the semester, as updates will be implemented as changes occur (and posted to the same links).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- CLO 1 *Find similar items with local sensitive hash algorithms.*
- CLO 2 *Perform data stream mining with DGIM method.*
- CLO 3 *Analyze web links with PageRank algorithms.*
- CLO 4 *Find frequent itemsets by a-priori algorithms.*

CLO 5 *Advertise on the Web using the BALANCE algorithm.*

CLO 6 *Build recommender systems with collaborative filtering.*

CLO 7 *Perform social-network graph mining using community detection and spectral clustering algorithms.*

CLO 8 *Implement new tools for web intelligence based on the above techniques.*

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

- *Jure Leskovec, Anand Rajaraman and Jeff Ullman, **Mining of Massive Datasets**, Cambridge University Press, 3rd ed., 2020, ISBN: 978-1108476348*

Other Readings [Optional]

- *Ian H. Witten, Eibe Frank, Mark A. Hall, Christopher J. Pal and James Foulds, **Data Mining: Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques**, Morgan Kaufmann, 5th ed., 2025, ISBN: 978-0443158889*

Other equipment / material requirement

- *Wireless laptop*

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>.

Homework is due typewritten (include source code, but not executable files) by class starting time on the due date. Each assigned problem requires a solution and an explanation (or work) detailing how you arrived at your solution. Cite any outside sources used to solve a problem. When grading an assignment, I may ask for additional information. A subset of the assigned problems will typically be graded.

Refer the course website for latest information of homework assignments.

NOTE that [University policy F15-12](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F15-12.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F15-12.pdf> states that “Students should attend all meetings of their classes, not only because they are responsible for material discussed therein, but because active participation is frequently essential to insure maximum benefit for all members of the class. Attendance per se shall not be used as a criterion for grading.”

Final Evaluation

Two mid-terms exam scheduled, and a final project report scheduled on the Final week.

Grading Policy

Grading information:

- I will determine letter grades for the course, including +/- grades based on

| Percentage | Grade |
|--------------|-------|
| 92 and above | A |
| 90 - 91 | A- |
| 88 - 89 | B+ |
| 82 - 87 | B |
| 80 - 81 | B- |
| 78 - 79 | C+ |
| 72 - 77 | C |
| 70 - 71 | C- |
| 60 - 69 | D |
| 59 and below | F |

- List of the percentage weight [for point value] assigned to various class assignments
 - Homework: 20%
 - In-Person Midterm I (Wednesday, March 11): 25%
 - Project: 30%
 - In-Person Midterm II (Monday, May 4): 25%
- **NO** make-up exams will be given and **NO** late homework will be accepted.

Classroom Protocol

- Always start your email subject with [CS274] to get my attention.
- **Wireless laptop is required.** Your laptop must remain closed (preferably in your backpack and, in any case, not on your desk) until I inform you that it is needed for a particular activity.
- **Cheating** will not be tolerated, but working together is encouraged
- Student must be respectful of the instructor and other students. For example, but not limited
 - Turn off cell phones
- To encourage participation from students, **NO** recording is allowed.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) at <https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>. **Make sure to visit this page, review and be familiar with these university policies and resources.**

CS 274, Spring 2026, Course Schedule

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice and the notice will be made available in class.

Course Schedule

| Week | Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines |
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| 1 | Overview of Web Intelligence |
| 2 | Shingling & Min-Hashing |
| 3 | Locality-Sensitive Hashing & Sampling a Fixed-Size Sample |
| 4 | Queries Over a Sliding Window & DGIM Method |
| 5 | Web Search & PageRank |
| 6 | Block-Based Update Algorithm & Frequent Itemset Mining |
| 7 | Association Rules & A-Priori Algorithm |
| 8 | Multistage Algorithm & Performance-Based Advertising |
| 9 | BALANCE Algorithm & Content-based Recommender Systems |
| 10 | <i>Spring Recess</i> |
| 11 | Collaborative Filtering |
| 12 | Community Detection & Spectral Clustering |
| 13 | Dimensionality Reduction |
| 14 | Applications of Mining Data Streams & Link Analysis |
| 15 | Applications of Frequent Itemsets & Advertising on the Web |
| 16 | Applications of Recommendation Systems & Mining Social-Network Graphs |