

# CS6535: GUIDED STUDY IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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## Effective Term

Semester A 2026/27

## Part I Course Overview

### Course Title

Guided Study in Artificial Intelligence

### Subject Code

CS - Computer Science

### Course Number

6535

### Academic Unit

Computer Science (CS)

### College/School

College of Computing (CC)

### Course Duration

One Semester

### Credit Units

3

### Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

### Medium of Instruction

English

### Medium of Assessment

English

### Prerequisites

Students must have attained a CGPA of 3.30 or above to enroll in this course.

Students with a CGPA between 3.00 and 3.29 may be considered for enrollment on a case-by-case basis, subject to departmental approval.

Students with a CGPA below 3.00 are not eligible to enroll in this course.

### Precursors

Nil

### Equivalent Courses

Nil

### Exclusive Courses

CS6534 Guided Study,  
CS6536 Guided Study in Data Science,

## CS6537 Guided Study in Information Security

## Part II Course Details

### Abstract

The aim of this course is to provide an opportunity to explore a research area of **artificial intelligence** in consultation with a member of the academic staff. The objectives are to develop in-depth knowledge of a chosen field of interest and to exercise the skill and techniques acquired in earlier courses to discover innovative approach to solving artificial intelligence related problems. The students will also have the opportunity to develop documentation and presentation skill in conveying the results of his/her work.

### Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

| CILOs |                                                                                                                                                             | Weighting (if DEC-A1 app.) |   | DEC-A2 | DEC-A3 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| 1     | Identify a challenging artificial intelligence related problem, analyze the problem in detail in the context of an extensive review of existing literature. |                            | x |        |        |
| 2     | Propose innovative solutions, formulate a detailed design of the solutions and comparison of the proposed solution with existing approaches.                |                            |   | x      | x      |
| 3     | Document and report the system design process, background study and expected performance of the solution.                                                   |                            |   |        | x      |

#### A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

#### A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

#### A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

### Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

| LTAs |                  | Brief Description                                                                                          | CILO No. | Hours/week (if applicable) |
|------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 1    | Project planning | Students will identify the problem for investigation and draft a project plan with appropriate milestones. | 1        |                            |

|   |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |  |
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| 2 | Project proposal      | Students will analyze the problem identified and research on existing and/or related solutions. Then, in consultation with their supervisors, they will propose their own designs and solutions.          | 2 |  |
| 3 | Project documentation | Students will document and explain their work in regular progress reports and a final report. At the end, they are required to present their projects in the form of oral presentation and demonstration. | 3 |  |

### Additional Information for LTAs

Teaching pattern:

Suggested lecture/tutorial/laboratory mix: 8 hours individual consultation.

Each student is expected to solicit the support of an academic supervisor on a one to one basis for each project.

The role of the supervisor is to closely monitor the project progress with project meetings regularly, in order to give advice to the student, to establish criteria for assessment, and to advise on possible solutions and potential problems.

### Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

|   | ATs                | CILO No. | Weighting (%) | Remarks ("- for nil entry)    | Allow Use of GenAI? |
|---|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Topic Selection    | 1        | 0             | Allowed for writing polishing | Yes                 |
| 2 | Project Proposal   | 2        | 5             | Allowed for writing polishing | Yes                 |
| 3 | Interim Report     | 3        | 10            | Allowed for writing polishing | Yes                 |
| 4 | Final Report       | 3        | 60            | Allowed for writing polishing | Yes                 |
| 5 | Presentation       | 3        | 20            | Allowed for writing polishing | Yes                 |
| 6 | Project Management | 1        | 5             | -                             | No                  |

### Continuous Assessment (%)

100

### Additional Information for ATs

For assessment of technical merit, report, and presentation, the project committee assigns two examiners, including the supervisor. The Supervisor is required to give detailed grading reports on all aspects of assessment. The Assessor will evaluate the CILOs 2 and 3 of the project. The Course Leader will review all projects, moderate consistency across a wide range of projects, and, where necessary, resolve discrepancies between grading of the Assessor and the Supervisor, drawing on the expertise of domain experts as needed.

## Assessment Rubrics (AR)

### Assessment Task

Topic Selection and Project Management (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

### Criterion

- 1.1 ABILITY to IDENTIFY problems for investigations.
- 1.2 ABILITY to PLAN a project schedule with appropriate milestones, and MAINTAIN the project schedule.

### Excellent

(A+, A, A-) High

### Good

(B+, B, B-) Significant

### Fair

(C+, C, C-) Moderate

### Marginal

(D) Basic

### Failure

(F) Not even reaching marginal levels

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### Assessment Task

Project Proposal (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

### Criterion

- 2.1 ABILITY to ANALYZE a problem.
- 2.2 ABILITY to EVALUATE, COMPARE, and CONTRAST existing solutions.
- 2.3 ABILITY to DESIGN and INNOVATE new solutions.

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### Assessment Task

Interim Report, Final Report and Presentation (for students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter)

**Criterion**

- 3.1 ABILITY to DOCUMENT the progress of the project in interim reports.
- 3.2 ABILITY to DOCUMENT the OUTCOMES of the project in a final report.
- 3.3 ABILITY to DEMONSTRATE project outcomes in an oral presentation.

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**Assessment Task**

Topic Selection and Project Management (for students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024)

**Criterion**

- 1.1 ABILITY to IDENTIFY problems for investigations.
- 1.2 ABILITY to PLAN a project schedule with appropriate milestones, and MAINTAIN the project schedule.

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Project Proposal (for students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024)

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**Part III Other Information****Keyword Syllabus**

**Typical topic areas include:** Reinforcement learning, Uncertainty reasoning, Searching, Planning and acting, Logics, Knowledge representation and inference, Computer vision, Natural language processing, Robotics, AI computer game.

The project starts with a specification phase in which the student is to arrive at a set of problem statements and objectives. This is formalized in a project definition and study plan. During the course of the project, the student will be guided by a supervisor from the academic staff to produce the following reports: Project Definition, Survey of Related Work, Design/Analysis, Final Report (which may include any implementation and evaluation aspects).

**Reading List****Compulsory Readings**

| Title |     |
|-------|-----|
| 1     | N/A |

**Additional Readings**

| Title |     |
|-------|-----|
| 1     | N/A |