

CS/Info 6742 – Natural language processing and social interaction Lecture handout, Aug 23, 2018

Announcements

First assignment (A1) has been posted: see <http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs6742>

Today's outline

1. Why does this course exist?
 - a. Scope
 - b. Implications
 - Intertwined:
 - Better understanding of people
 - Better systems
 - Better society
2. Two examples
 - a. Rich data source: Wikipedia discussion
 - b. Rich phenomenon: Style vs. content - politeness
3. Course philosophy: learn about NLP, but also about research
 - a. Implications for course structure & coursework
 - Paraphrasing Eugene Charniak: "The best way to do something is to do *something*"
 - b. Assignment A1 and how it is informed by this philosophy
 - c. Enrollment and course selection

Student-information submission – due Friday Aug 25th, 5pm (but earlier is better!) *Everyone (enrolled or not)* should submit the following.

Do so as an email to cristian@cs.cornell.edu, subject "CS6742 student info"

1. Name
2. Cornell NetID (has the format of your initials followed by a number, e.g., CD326)
3. Preferred email address
4. Whether or not you are currently enrolled in CS6742 in Student Center
5. Student type (examples: senior undergrad majoring in CS and Sociology, IS MPS, CS Meng, 1st year Stats PhD, 2nd-year CS PhD)
6. What background you have, including but not limited to how you satisfy the prerequisites
7. What are your goals for participating in this course?