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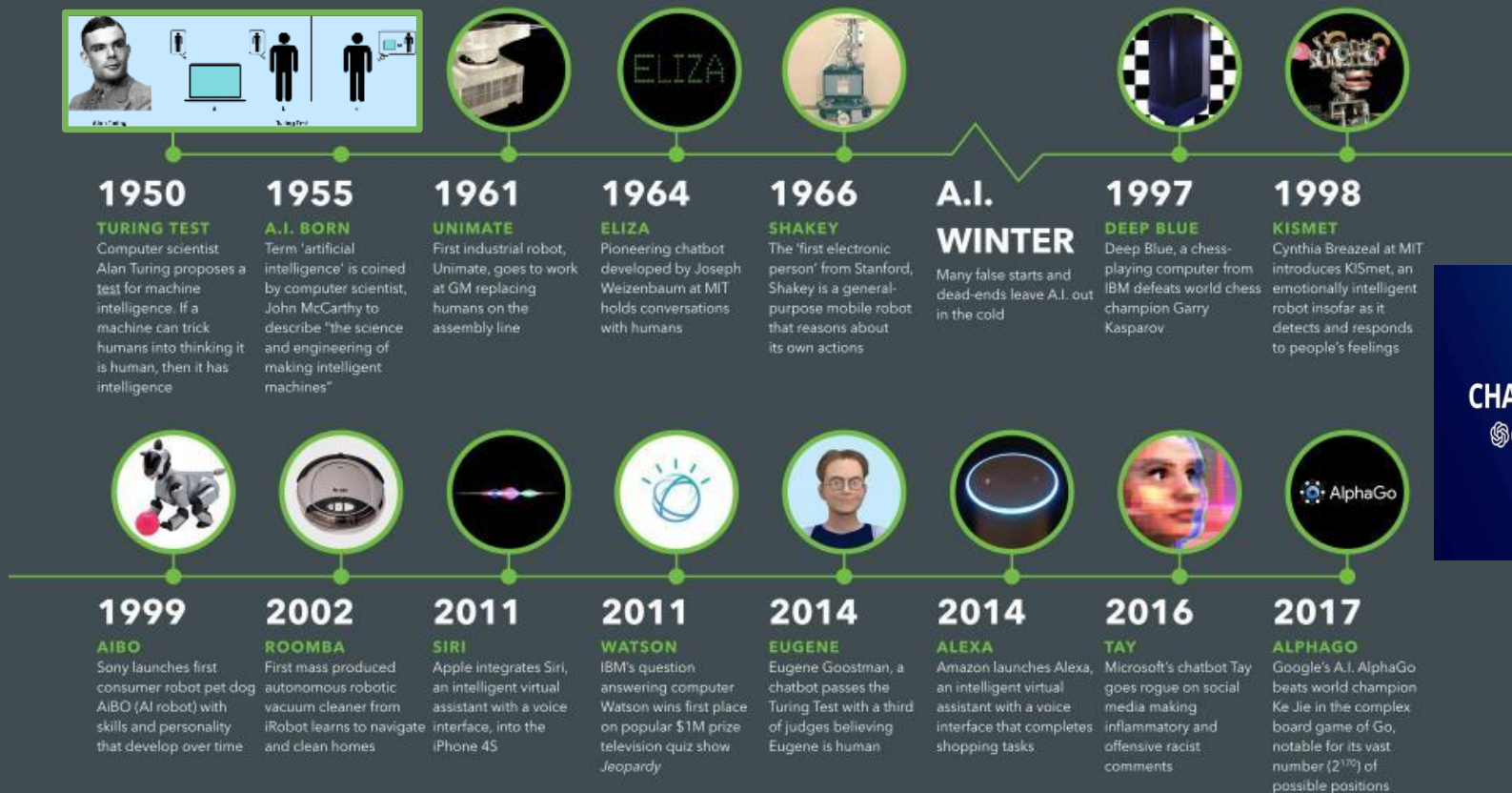**Bachelor of Arts & Sciences**
Applied Artificial Intelligence

Impact the world with the limitless power of AI

AI History

1950 — TURING TEST
Computer scientist Alan Turing proposes a test for machine intelligence. If a machine can trick humans into thinking it is human, then it has intelligence

1955 — A.I. BORN
Term 'artificial intelligence' is coined by computer scientist, John McCarthy to describe "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines"

1961 — UNIMATE
First industrial robot, Unimate, goes to work at GM replacing humans on the assembly line

1964 — ELIZA
Pioneering chatbot developed by Joseph Weizenbaum at MIT holds conversations with humans

1966 — SHAKEY
The 'first electronic person' from Stanford, Shakey is a general-purpose mobile robot that reasons about its own actions

A.I. WINTER
Many false starts and dead-ends leave A.I. out in the cold

1997 — DEEP BLUE
Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer from IBM defeats world chess champion Garry Kasparov

1998 — KISMET
Cynthia Breazeal at MIT introduces KISmet, an emotionally intelligent robot insofar as it detects and responds to people's feelings

1999 — AIBO
Sony launches first consumer robot pet dog AiBO (AI robot) with skills and personality that develop over time

2002 — ROOMBA
First mass produced autonomous robotic vacuum cleaner from iRobot learns to navigate and clean homes

2011 — SIRI
Apple integrates Siri, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface, into the iPhone 4S

2011 — WATSON
IBM's question answering computer Watson wins first place on popular $1M prize television quiz show *Jeopardy*

2014 — EUGENE
Eugene Goostman, a chatbot passes the Turing Test with a third of judges believing Eugene is human

2014 — ALEXA
Amazon launches Alexa, an intelligent virtual assistant with a voice interface that completes shopping tasks

2016 — TAY
Microsoft's chatbot Tay goes rogue on social media making inflammatory and offensive racist comments

2017 — ALPHAGO
Google's A.I. AlphaGo beats world champion Ke Jie in the complex board game of Go, notable for its vast number (2^{170}) of possible positions

2022

Neural
Network

BIG DATA

$f(\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i X_i)$

Input Layer

Hidden Layers

Output Layer

X1

X2

X3

W1

W2

W3

Y

GPU A100

Lots of data

Data representations (feature hierarchy)

Diagonal
Line
Node

Face
Node

Cat
Node

Deep & Large Networks

Deep Learning

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Interdisciplinary programme co-offered by:

New option for elite students
Formal training to elite students who wish to join the AI profession

Interdisciplinary training
Provides a wide range of courses in mathematics, statistics, computer science, geography, psychology, and urban studies

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💡 Highlights **diverse AI applications** with a philosophical and ethical dimension
  ❖ develops intellectual capacity for meeting new challenges

💡 Nurtures to **transfer interdisciplinary scientific knowledge** into integrated applications and technological innovations

💡 Emphasizes **problem-based learning**

💡 Delivers **both fundamental and practical knowledge** to fit into different career settings

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AI Applications

AI in Business and Finance

AI in Medicine
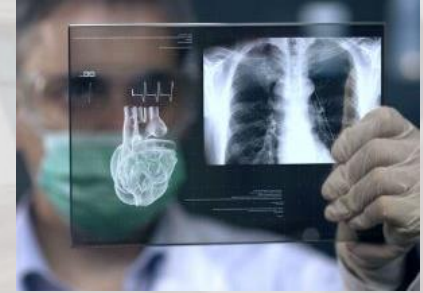
AI Technology

AI in Smart City

AI in Neurocognitive Science

AI Technology

Computer Vision

Natural Language Processing

High-performance Computing
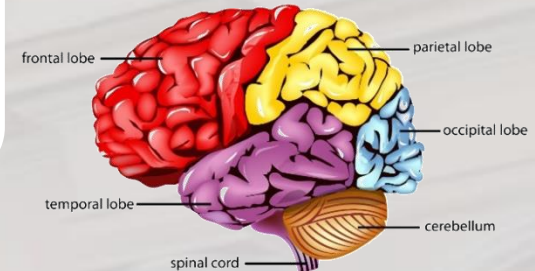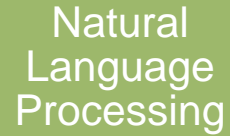
Robotics

AI in Medicine

HKU statisticians develop online diagnostic system for screening COVID-19 with AI technologies based on chest CT dataset

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AI in Business and Finance
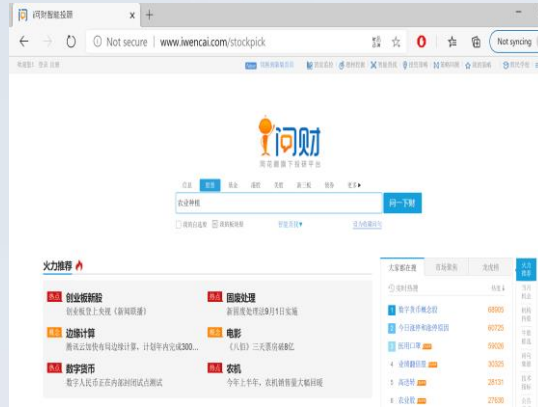
Robot advisors

Financial data analytics

Automatic trading

Final year projects directed by researchers from the Artificial Intelligence Research Group of the Faculty of Business and Economics, e.g.
Prediction of Stock Returns from Social Media Using Deep Learning

AI in Smart City

Students may work with researchers from the Institute of Transport Studies of HKU

AI in Neurocognitive Science

Understanding your brain

frontal lobe

parietal lobe

occipital lobe

temporal lobe

cerebellum

spinal cord
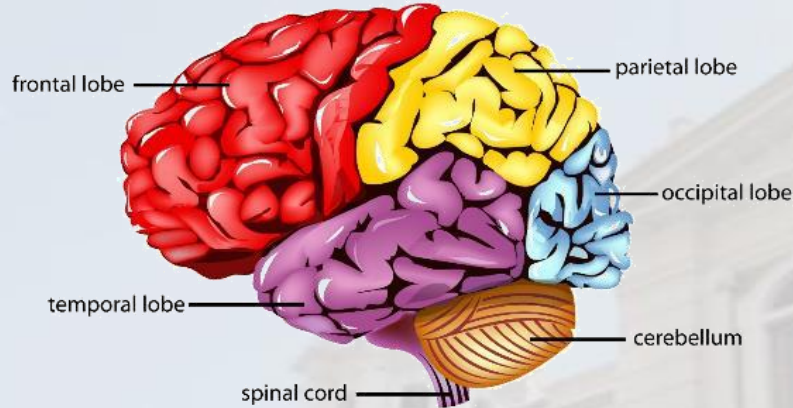
Cognition

Memory

Behaviour

Perception

Brian disorder

Parkinson's disease

Alzheimer's disease

BRAIN INSPIRED
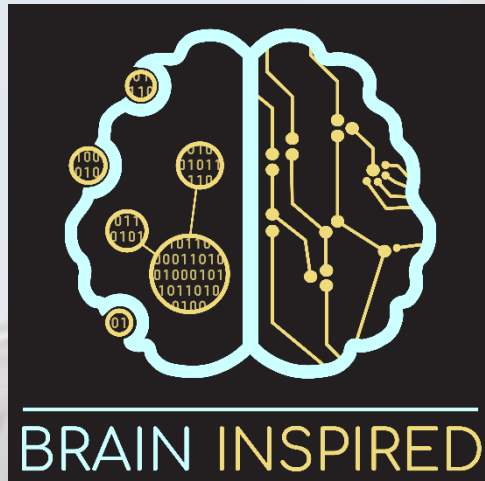
Artificial intelligence, human brain to merge in 2030s, says futurist Kurzweil

Ray Kurzweil, Google's director of engineering, says we're close to linking our brain with AI

Solomon Israel · CBC News · Posted: Jun 05, 2015 5:00 PM ET | Last Updated: June 9, 2015
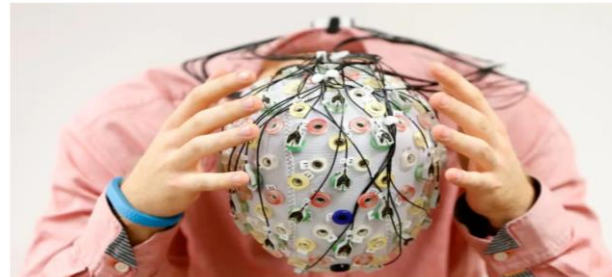
A test subject poses with an electroencephalography cap, which measures brain activity. (Michaela Rehle/Reuters)

Students may work with researchers from Department of Psychology and Faculty of Education.

Curriculum Structure & Course Selection

General Structure

AppliedAI

BASc Bachelor of Arts & Sciences

Forty 6-credit courses spanning over 4 years of full-time study
(240 Credits)

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION
Language Courses
Common Core Courses
(36 credits)

+

2nd MAJOR / MINOR(S) / ELECTIVES
(90 credits)

+

PROGRAMME CORE
Core Courses
Concentration & Electives
Capstone Course
(96 credits)

+

BASc HORIZONTAL COURSES
(18 credits)
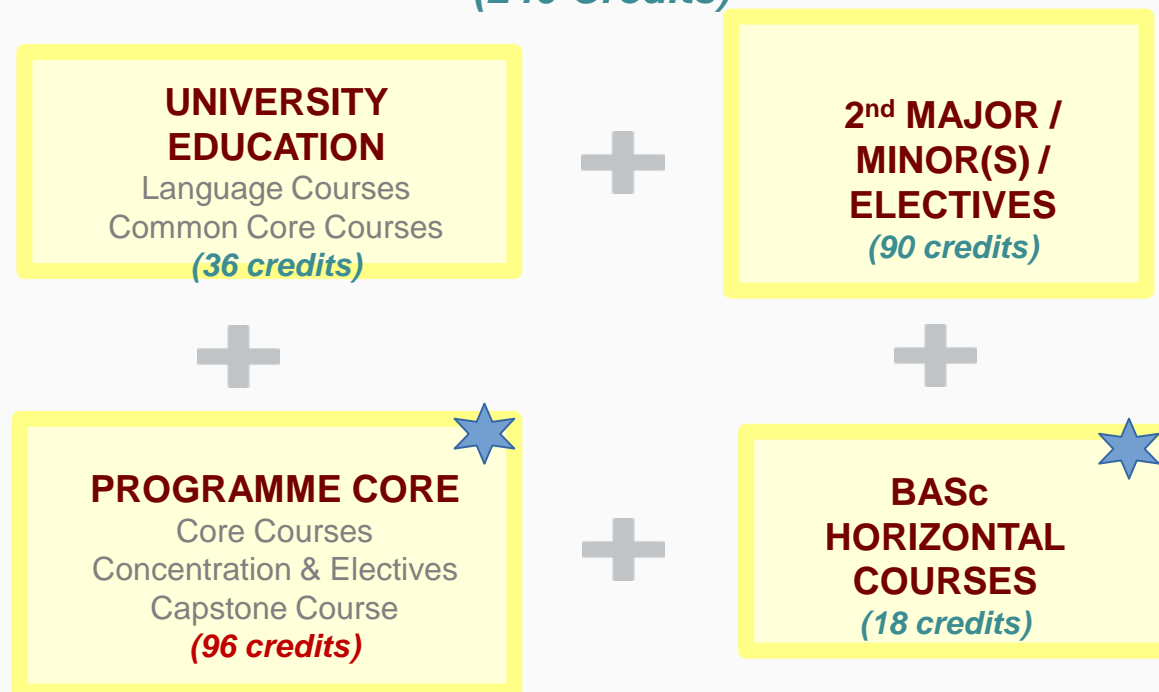
Remarks:

- Programme Core: MUST take
- 1 course = 6 credits
- 1 semester = 30 credits = 5 courses

- Variations are possible (+ - credits)

- Total number of credits cannot exceed 288 credits

Programme Core Courses ⭐ (96 credits)

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BASc(AppliedAI) Curriculum*

Core Courses (66 credits)

Code	Course
APAI1001	Artificial intelligence: foundation, philosophy and ethics
COMP1117	Computer programming
COMP2119	Introduction to data structures and algorithms
COMP2120	Computer organization
COMP3340	Applied deep learning
MATH1013	University mathematics II
MATH2014	Multivariable calculus and linear algebra
MATH3904	Introduction to optimization
STAT2601	Probability and statistics I
STAT2602	Probability and statistics II
STAT3612	Statistical machine learning

+   **+ AI**

Capstone Requirement (6 credits)

(If students take the 12-credit 'Applied AI project', they do not need to take a 6-credit elective course.)

At least 6 credits selected from the following courses:

Code	Course
APAI3799	Directed studies in applied AI
APAI4766	Applied AI internship
APAI4798	Applied AI project (12-credit)

Students are reminded to take 3 BASc core courses to fulfill the BASc core course requirement:

Code	Course
BASC9001	Approaching interdisciplinarity: Knowledge beyond disciplines;
DESN9002	Sustainable leadership; and
STAT1016#	Data Science 101

* The curriculum and course offering are subject to changes. Each course is 6-credit bearing unless otherwise stated.
# Course code and course title to be confirmed.

Concentration (24 credits)

(For fulfilling the requirement of a concentration, students should choose at least 18 credits, with at least 6 credits of which should be at advanced-level, from the corresponding list)

- Technology
- Business and finance
- Medicine
- Smart city
- Neurocognitive science

Concentration	Code	Course
AI Technology	COMP3271	Computer graphics
	COMP3356	Robotics
	APAI3010	Image processing and computer vision
	APAI4011	Natural language processing
	APAI4012	High-performance computing
	APAI4099	Special topics of applied AI
AI in Business and Finance	COMP3320	Electronic commerce technology
	MATH3901	Operations research I
	MATH3906	Financial calculus
	STAT3613	Marketing analytics
	STAT4601	Time-series analysis
	APAI4099	Special topics of applied AI
AI in Medicine	STAT3655	Survival analysis
	STAT4610	Bayesian learning
	APAI3021	Modern biostatistics
	APAI4022	Omics data analysis
	APAI4023	Medical image analysis
	APAI4099	Special topics of applied AI
AI in Smart City	URBS1003	Theories and global trends in urban development
	URBS1005	Urban problems, interventions and design thinking
	GEOG2090	Introduction to geographic information systems
	GEOG3202	GIS in environmental studies
	GEOG3420	Transport and society
	APAI4099	Special topics of applied AI
AI in Neurocognitive Science	PSYC1001	Introduction to psychology
	PSYC2007	Cognitive psychology
	PSYC2051	Perception
	PSYC2066	Foundations of cognitive science
	PSYC2067	Seminars in cognitive science
	APAI4099	Special topics of applied AI
Other Elective Courses	COMP3250	Design and analysis of algorithms
	COMP3278	Introduction to database management systems
	MATH3601	Numerical analysis
	MATH3911	Game theory and strategy
	MATH3943	Network models in operations research
	STAT3600	Linear statistical analysis
	STAT3622	Data visualization
	STAT4602	Multivariate data analysis

BASc HORIZONTAL COURSES
(18 credits)

⭐ BASC9001 Approaching Interdisciplinarity:
　　　　　　　Knowledge Beyond Disciplines
⭐ DESN9001 Leadership Beyond Borders
⭐ STAT1016 Data Science 101

- Multidisciplinary training in leadership, design thinking

- Introduction to foundations of human knowledge and data science

- Networking with fellow students from other BASc programmes


AI

SDS

D+

FT

GHD

| Year	I		II		III		IV	
Semester	One	Two	One	Two	One	Two	One	Two
Disciplinary Core	**APAI1001** Artificial Intelligence: Foundation, Philosophy and Ethics **COMP1117** Computer Programming **MATH1013** University Mathematics II	**STAT2601** Probability and Statistics I	**COMP2119** Introduction to Data Structures and Algorithms **MATH2014** Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra **STAT2602** Probability and Statistics II	**COMP2120**[5] Computer Organization	**MATH3904** Introduction to Optimization **STAT3612** Statistical Machine Learning	**COMP3340**[6] Applied Deep Learning		
Other		**COMP2113** Programming Technologies (Pre-requisite of COMP2119)		**STAT3600**[4] Linear Statistical Analysis (Co-requisite/ Pre-requisite of STAT3612) (available in both semesters)				
BASc Core (in purple font) and Disciplinary Elective (in deep blue font)	**BASC9001** Approaching Interdisciplinarity: Knowledge Beyond Disciplines	**STAT1016** Data science 101 (admission: 2023 and thereafter)	**DESN9002** Sustainable Leadership (admission: 2020 and thereafter)		At least 24 credits from the following courses in Lists A1-5 and B (For fulfilling the requirement of a concentration, students should choose at least 18 credits, with at least 6 credits of which should be at advanced-level, from the corresponding list): **AI Technology** (List A1) COMP3271 — Computer Graphics COMP3356 — Robotics APAI3010 — Image Processing and Computer Vision APAI4011 — Natural Language Processing APAI4012 — High-Performance Computing APAI4099 — Special Topics of Applied AI **AI in Business and Finance** (List A2) COMP3320 — Electronic Commerce Technology MATH3901 — Operations Research I MATH3906 — Financial Calculus STAT3613 — Marketing Analytics STAT4601 — Time Series Analysis APAI4099 — Special Topics of Applied AI **AI in Medicine** (List A3) STAT3655 — Survival Analysis STAT4610 — Bayesian Learning APAI3021 — Modern Biostatistics			

AI Projects

AI Video Analytics Tool for Human Behavoural Intelligence
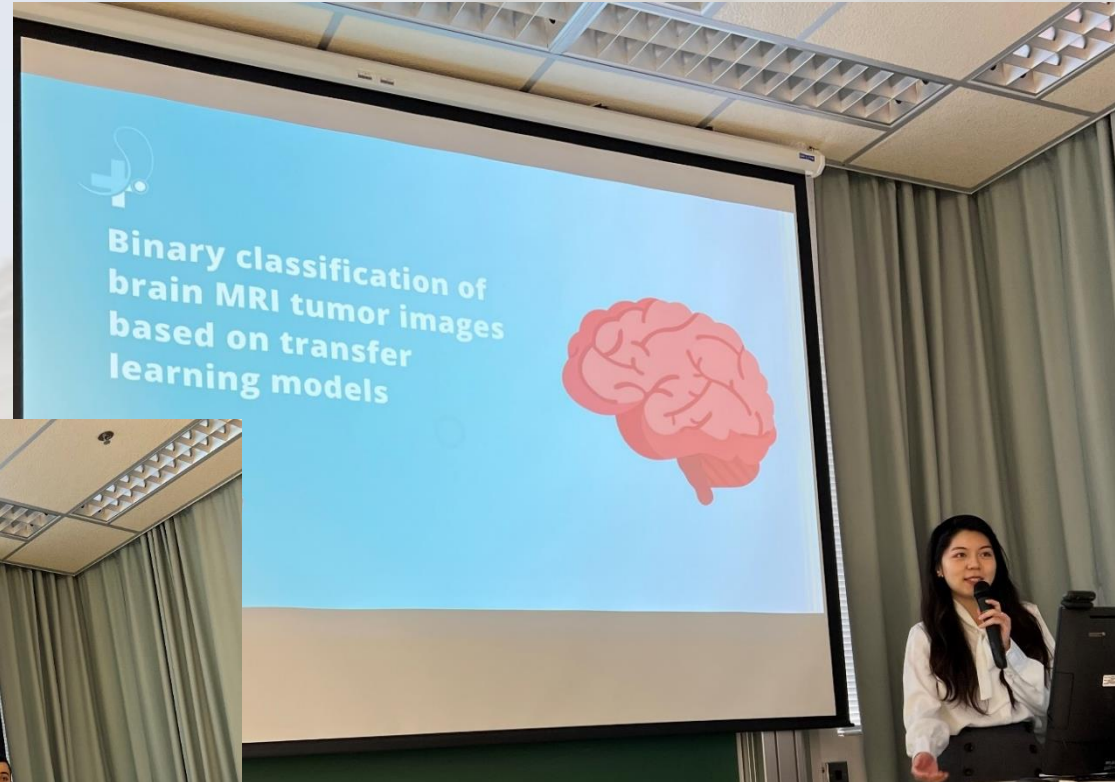
Generalizable machine learning technology with application in medical image analysis

AI Projects
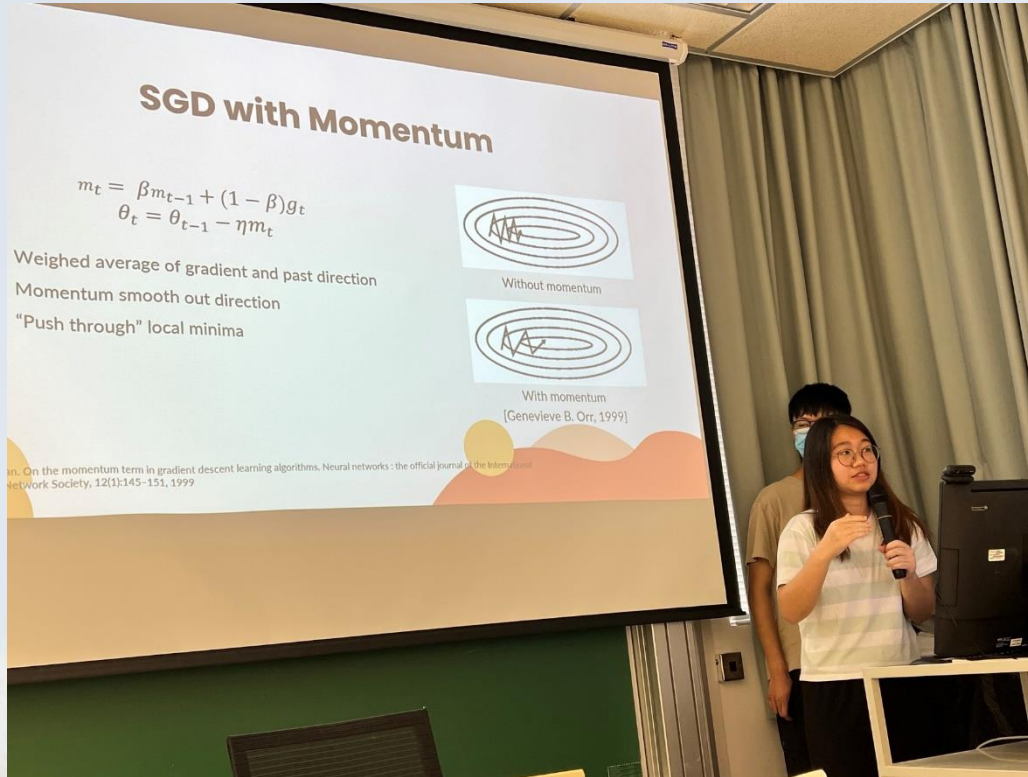
Generalizable training algorithms for deep learning based image Classification

Prediction of Stock Returns from Social Media Using Deep Learning

AI Projects

Recognition of imagined handwritten content from brain signals

Information & supports

Career prospects

The programme connects the exploding demand of the AI market in diverse areas, such as:

- Science & technology
- Environmental protection
- Medical informatics
- Healthcare
- Business
- Banking & finance
- Urban development
- Neurocognitive science

Career Support and Activities

- Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)
(www.cedars.hku.hk)

- Departmental Internship/Job Online-application System

- Career Advising Programme (CAP)

  - ☺ Professional Preparation Programme (PPP)

  - ☺ Individual consultation on cover letter, CV and interview skills

  - ☺ Corporate Mentorship Programme (CMP)

  - ☺ Market information workshop

  - ☺ Firm visits and alumni sharing
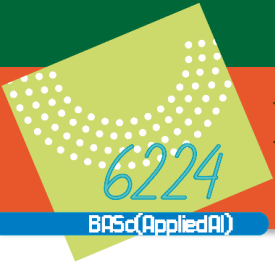
  - ☺ SAAS Career Fair

SAAS Career Fair 2023
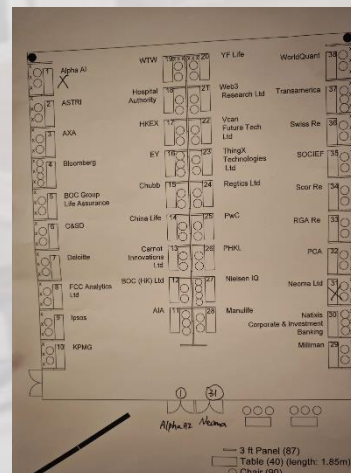
Support for internships
Partner with Industrial Leaders
(in year 3 or year 4)

Admissions Requirements

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Admissions Requirements – JUPAS applicants

Minimum Programme Entrance Requirements:

ENG	CHI	√x (x+y)=	Citizenship and Social Development / Liberal Studies	Elective Subjects	M1 or M2 in Mathematics
English Language	Chinese Language	Mathematics			
Level 4*	Level 3	Level 4	Level 2	Level 3 (one subject)	Level 4

*Candidates with level 4 in English Language, if admitted, will be required to take 6 additional credits in Core University English to complete their degree studies

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Selection principle: BEST 5

English Language **x 2** + Mathematics **x 2** + M1 or M2 **x 2** + The BEST 2 of remaining Category A Subjects^
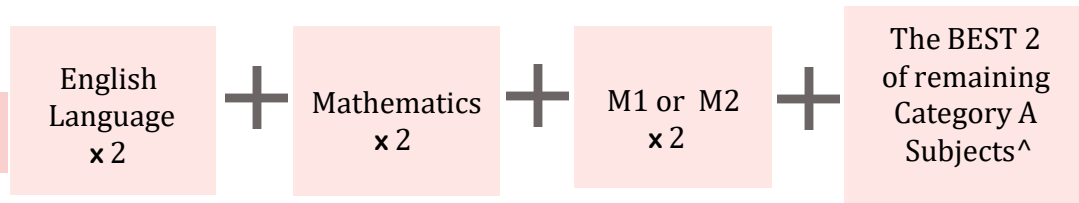
^ Subject Weighting(s): 1.5 x Biology / Chemistry / Physics / Combined Science / Integrated Science / Information and Communication Technology

2023 JUPAS Weighted Admissions Score:
Total score of Best 5 with M1/M2
46.5 ~ 73.5

HKDSE 'level to score' conversion

Category A Core and Elective Subjects and Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics							
Level	1	2	3	4	5	5*	5**
Score	1	2	3	4	5.5	7	8.5

Science Entrance Scholarship

HKDSE Examination Results in one-sitting (total score in best 5 subjects in Category A or Extended Module 1 or Module 2 of Mathematics)	Scholarship Amount (HK$)
Score = 42.5	$70,000
Score ≥ 41	$60,000
Score ≥ 39	$50,000
Score ≥ 37	$40,000
Score ≥ 35	$20,000
Score < 35 with 5** in at least 2 subjects from Biology/ Chemistry/ Physics/ Combined Science/ Integrated Science/ Mathematics/ M1/ M2	$15,000
Score < 35 with 5** in at least 1 subject from Biology/ Chemistry/ Physics/ Combined Science/ Integrated Science/ Mathematics/ M1/ M2	$10,000

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2023 Admissions Statistics– Non-JUPAS

(for reference)

GCEAL

(Further Mathematics required)

Lowest admissions score
3A*

IB

(Higher Mathematics required)

Lowest admissions score
39 (out of 45)

No. of students admitted in 2023:

JUPAS: 25
Non-JUPAS & Mainland Gaokao: 10

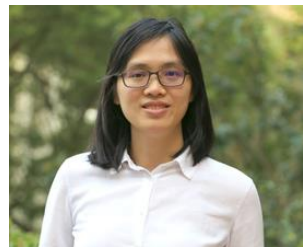→ **Programme Co-Directors**

Dr. Lequan Yu
(Statistics, RRS 226)

Prof. Patrick NG
(Mathematics, RRS 424)

Prof. Yizhou YU
CS Coordinator

→ **Course Selection** Advisers

Internship Adviser

Dr. Liangqiong QU
(RRS 121)

Dr. Yuenwen LEI
(RRS 319)

Dr. Zheng QU
(RRS 419)

Dr. Eric LI
(RRS 117)

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