COMP 378/484: Artificial Intelligence (Section 001)
Spring 2005 Course Information & Syllabus

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Lectures: (Unless we all agree on a change,) Wednesday 7:00–9:30pm in 25EP-0202.
Sometimes lecture notes or a summary will be available on the web. Other than that, if you have to miss a
class, get notes from another student; mine are typically pieced together from more than one place with a lot
of metacomments, which makes it hard for anybody but me to follow them. Also get copies of any missed
handouts (available on the web site). The handouts are numbered sequentially, starting with handout 0. On
handout 0, you need to fill in some information and return it to me promptly so you can be on the email list
and get access to the web site for the course.

Office Hours: In Lewis Towers 512E: 1:00–4:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday.
These are the guaranteed times to find me except as announced in advance. You should also feel free to look
for me at other times or make appointments.

Prerequisites: COMP 271.

Required Text: Peter Norvig. Paradigms of Artificial Intelligence Programming: Case Studies in Common

Course Requirements: There will be several homework assignments, two midterm exams, and a final.
The weightings within the semester grade will be: Homework 20%, Exam I 20%, Exam II 25%, and Final
exam 35%.

Homework: Only homework turned in by the due date is guaranteed to be graded. Any special circum-
stances that cause difficulty in meeting the deadlines should be brought to the attention of the instructor
in advance. Homework must be handed in at the beginning of class, since solutions may be handed out in
the same class on occasion. Homework turned in to my mailbox will generally not be graded, since I do not
check the box continually and cannot generally verify that homework was turned in before solutions were
distributed or discussed in class. If you cannot turn in homework in person, you should put it under the
door of my office.

Exams: The midterm exams, tentatively scheduled for ?? and ??, are 75 minutes long. The final exam is
scheduled for TBA.

Collaboration: No collaboration is permitted on exams. Collaboration on homework is acceptable, but
copying is not! (Safeguard your files and printouts.) You may discuss solution techniques with other students,
but you must write up your solutions independently. If you obtain a solution through research, e.g., in the
library, credit your source and write up the solution in your own words.

Tentative Course Outline and Approximate Schedule:

Since it was necessary to assign a new instructor to this course just before the start of the semester, the
schedule will develop as we go.