

**Module Description, available in: EN**

## *Advanced Topics in Deep Learning*

**General Information****Number of ECTS Credits**

3

**Module code**

TSM\_AdvDeLearn

**Valid for academic year**

2024-25

**Last modification**

2023-09-18

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**Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:**

- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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<b>Instruction</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Documentation</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Examination</b>					X E 100%		

**Module Category**

TSM Technical scientific module

**Lessons**

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

**Entry level competences****Prerequisites, previous knowledge**

Machine Learning Basics, Deep Learning, Programming (Python), Statistics, Linear Algebra

**Brief course description of module objectives and content**

The purpose of this module is to enhance students' understanding of deep learning techniques.

We will explore significant and current developments in deep learning, including generative models, attention networks, transformers, graph neural networks and other related techniques.

Furthermore, we will examine case studies that pertain to language, speech, or visual processing domains.

## Aims, content, methods

### Learning objectives and acquired competencies

Learning objectives:

- Know the Attention and Transformer architectures and how to use them in different applications.
- Know which architectures are suitable for which kind of machine learning problem
- Know how to apply self-supervised learning and the advantages and disadvantages of this method
- To know and apply the different methods of generative algorithms.
- Know how to interpret and explain results of predictions.

### Contents of module with emphasis on teaching content

- Refresher of basic deep learning methods such as MLP, CNN, RNN, Architectures, Backpropagation etc.
- Attention and transformers: concepts and applications in language and vision domains
- Self-supervised learning: contrastive and non-contrastive methods
- Graph Neural Networks and applications
- Generative models: VAEs, GANs, Diffusion models, Energy models, etc.
- Foundation models, few and zero-shot learning
- Interpretability, Explainability
- Special topics of the year, such as NNs for physical systems, 3D reconstruction, theoretical approaches and other

### Teaching and learning methods

- Lectures / presence
- Tutorial / presence
- Exercises / presence
- Self-study

### Literature

## Assessment

### Certification requirements

Module does not use certification requirements

### Basic principle for exams

**As a rule, all the standard final exams for modules and also all resit exams are to be in written form**

### Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

written

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

Permissible electronic aids

Calculator

Other permissible aids

Notes on Paper (10 pages A4, both sides written on)

### Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

**Kind of exam**

oral

**Duration of exam**

30 minutes

**Permissible aids**

No aids permitted