

# Research - A Gentle Introduction to Deep Learning with Python and R

Machine learning methods are nowadays used in a wide variety of applications such as image and text classification, and weather forecasting. In this course, you will learn how a very popular method, namely Deep Learning (or Neural Network), works and may be applied in practice by using either Python or R programming.

## Objectives

Acquire the key competencies needed to apply deep learning methods to simple datasets

## Target audience

Any PhD students, post-docs, researchers of UNIL who would like to use deep learning methods in their research

## Content

At the end of the course, the participants are expected to:

- Understand how the deep learning (neural network) algorithm works
- Run a simple machine learning code in Python or R
- Be able to choose properly the hyper-parameters of the model

## Length

1 half-day

## Organization

Once per year

## Location

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## Practicals

The practicals can be done on the UNIL JupyterLab (available exclusively during this course and for one week following its completion), on your laptop (but you will need to install the required libraries), or on the UNIL cluster called Curnagl. See the [installation page](#) for more information.

## Prerequisites

- Basic knowledge of statistics, including simple linear algebra techniques such as vectors, matrices and matrix multiplication
- Be comfortable with either Python or R programming

**IMPORTANT:** To do the practicals

- On UNIL JupyterLab: You need to be able to access the eduroam wifi with your UNIL account or via the UNIL VPN
- On your laptop: No account requirement
- On Curnagl: Please register using your UNIL email address
- Note that in all cases you need to bring your own laptop

[Course dates and registration](#)

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