Course Title: Natural Language Processing (NLP) applications using Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)

Prerequisite: Programming using any high-level language.

Course Objectives:

- 1. Develop competency to use the Python programming language.
- **2.** Develop an appreciation for structures in natural language which computers are confronted with when processing natural language.
- **3.** Learn various techniques under Natural Language Processing (NLP) to solve language processing problems.
- **4.** Introduce frontier areas in NLP research.

Course Outcomes: Students will demonstrate the ability to

- **1.** Use the Python programming language to solve general problems.
- 2. Process text by using NLP techniques such as lemmatization, POS tagging etc.
- **3.** Extract meaningful information from a piece of text.
- **4.** Engage various NLP techniques to solve a particular NLP problem.

Course Contents:

Module	Details	Hours
1	Important concepts in Python	4
2	Language Resources: Corpora, Dictionaries and WordNet	3
3	Operations on Text: Normalization, Segmentation	3
4	Part-of-Speech Tagging: Categories of words, various tagging techniques	4
5	Structure: Grammar, Parsing, Phrases, Chunks, Navigating the Structure	4
6	Information Extraction: Named Entities, Relation Extraction, Meaning	4
7	Text Classification: Features, Supervised Classification, Classifiers.	4

Text Books:

1. Steven Bird, Ewan Klein, and Edward Loper, 'Natural Language Processing with Python', O'rielly, https://www.nltk.org/book/.

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Plenty of references to other books and research papers are available in the text book.

Evaluation pattern will be described by the concerned course coordinator during the course.