

**CSCI 374 — Machine Learning and Data Mining  
Oberlin College — Fall 2016**

**Reflective Writing Assignment**

<b>Important Dates</b>
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**Assigned:** December 2

**Deadline:** December 9 (11:59 PM)

<b>Assignment</b>
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The goal of this assignment is to provide you with an opportunity to review and synthesize the content of this course and think about its connection to your personal interests and studies.

For this assignment, please write an essay (at least 1,000 words) reflecting on the class over the course of the semester. In particular, you should think and write about:

- 1) What did you learn this semester? How have your thoughts about and knowledge of machine learning and data mining changed over the semester?
- 2) How do you see what you learned in class being useful to you in the future (e.g., in the remainder of your studies and career)?
- 3) Did you gain the knowledge and skills you were wanting to gain when you started the class? What did we do that was most useful to your learning? What do you wish we had covered or done that we did not?

Please turn in your essay as a PDF file on Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Friday December 9 (the last possible deadline before the reading period).

<b>Honor Code</b>
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At the bottom of your essay, please indicate whether you have followed the Honor Code on this assignment.