Introduction to R for Data Management and Analysis

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Just a quote...

- *Your dreams are on the other side of your grit* -unknown

Class structure

- Lecture and short exercises: 90 minutes
- Break: 10-15 minutes
- Exercise: 60 minutes
- Discussion: 15 minutes

Grading

- Attendance: 15%
- Quizzes: 20%
- Exercises: 65%

Course Outline

Date	Topics	Assessment
Thurs. June 2	About this class Introductions Features of the R language Getting help and troubleshooting	Exercise
Tues. June 7	Classes data.frame Import/Export subsets merge	Exercise and quiz

Course Outline (cont.)

Date	Topics	Assessment
Thurs. June 9		Exercise and quiz
Tues. June 14		Exercise and quiz

Course Outline (cont.)

Date	Topics	Assessment
Thurs. June 16		Exercise and quiz
Tues. June 21		Exercise and quiz

Today's class

- Getting started
- The RStudio interface
- Basic features of the language
- Getting help and troubleshooting
- R as a calculator

What is R?

- R is a programming language and environment for statistical computing and data visualization.
- "Base R" refers to the standalone suite of pre-packaged functions that allow R to function as a language.
- Extensions of the R language are what are called "packages".
- A **package** is a container of functions that give R additional flexibility.

What is RStudio?

- IDE Interactive Development Environment
- Console + Help + Figures + Project Management
- Let's have a look at it!

How do I get started?

- First download the latest R version from r-project.org
- Install R with all the default settings
- Download RStudio from RStudio.com
- RStudio allow you to select the R version installed in your system.

General tips for learning R

- Learning R will be frustrating
- Learning a language
- Practice promotes familiarity

Features of the R Language

- case sensitive
- Spaces are ignored
- works with functions
- vectorized operations
- help pages

Useful tips for learning R (stand-alone)

Pseudo code	Example code
install.packages(packagename)	install.packages(dplyr)
?functionname	?select
?package::functionname	?dplyr::select
? 'Reserved keyword or symbol' (or backticks)	? '%>%'
??searchforpossiblyexistingfunctionandortopic	??simulate
help(package = "loadedpackage")	help("dplyr")
browseVignettes("packagename")	browseVignettes("dplyr")

Learning R via online courses

- Coursera
- edX
- RStudio
- Quick-R - Mostly for basic and base functions
- RStudio Cheatcheets

First contact with R

- R as a calculator exercise