

Welcome

ENVX2001 Applied Statistical Methods

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Acknowledgement to Country

The University of Sydney is on Gadigal Country. We acknowledge their ongoing connection to and ownership of this land and pay our respects to past, present and emerging leaders.

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Staff



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Structure

Lectures

Tue 10 AM – Chemistry Lecture Theatre 1

Wed 11 AM – Chemistry Lecture Theatre 3

Tutorials

Self-guided sessions (1 hour), to be completed before the week's lab.

Labs

All labs are held in the **South Eveleigh Precinct** (more on this later):

- Thursday 9 am – 12 pm
- Friday 10 am – 1 pm, 2 pm – 5 pm

Attendance

- Mandatory for labs, **80%** minimum required.
- Lecture attendance is highly recommended, but not compulsory.
- Lecture recordings capture slides and audio *only*. You will miss out on important discussions and informal feedback.

Assessments

► Code

Assessment	Weight	Due	Description
Project 1	10	Week 5	Report -- Describing data
Project 2	20	Week 10	Report -- Analysing experimental data
Project 3	20	Week 13	Presentation -- Modeling multivariate data (Topics 7 to 12)
Canvas Quizzes	5	Weekly	Weekly quizzes
Final exam	45	TBA	2 hours, Multiple Choice Questions + Short Answers

South Eveleigh Precinct

Used to be known as the **Australian Techonology Park** (ATP). *Still is, but it used to, too.*

Biomedical Building



Credit: Michael Wheatland

Directions

Buses

Courtesy buses are available:

- Best option is to take the bus from **Fisher Library** to **Redfern Station**, then walk to the precinct (through the new station platform as “local traffic”).
- Alternatively, direct buses are available – but less frequent.

Driving

Free parking is available around Henderson Road, but it is extremely crowded. We do *not* recommend driving to the precinct.

Walking

Why study statistics?

Doesn't seem relevant to my degree...

Learn, so you can...

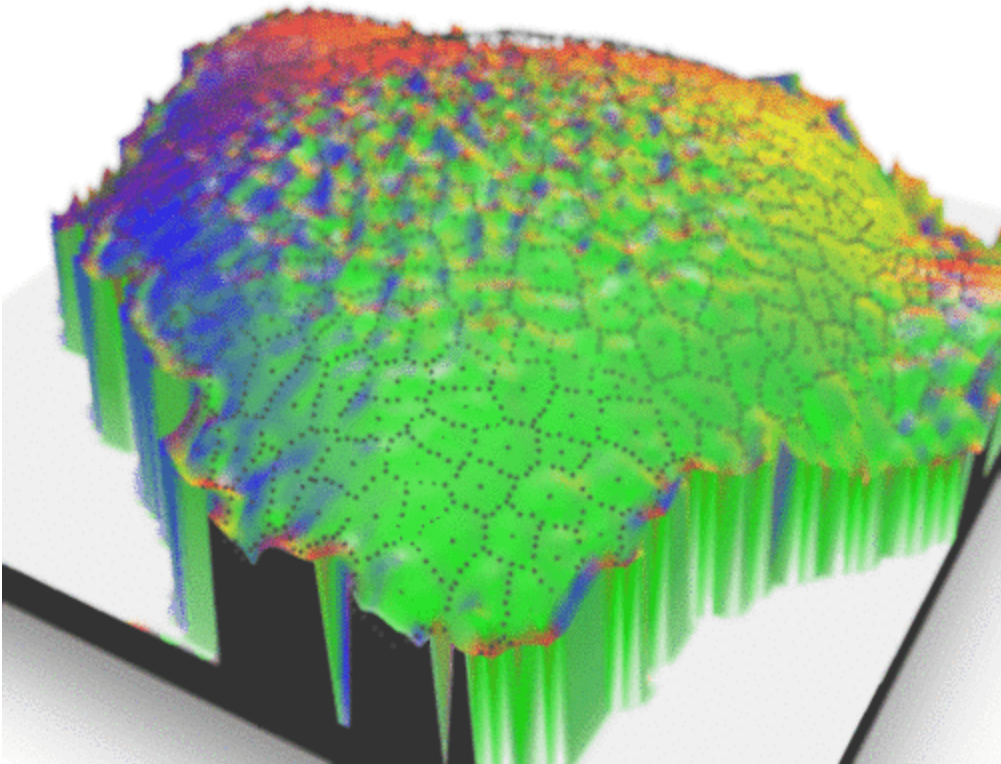
- Conduct effective **research**; *but if you are not a researcher, you can still...*
- Critically **evaluate** research findings; *but if you don't plan to read scientific literature, you can still...*
- Make informed **decisions** based on evidence and know the signs when someone is trying to mislead you.



Source: *Anchorman* (2004)

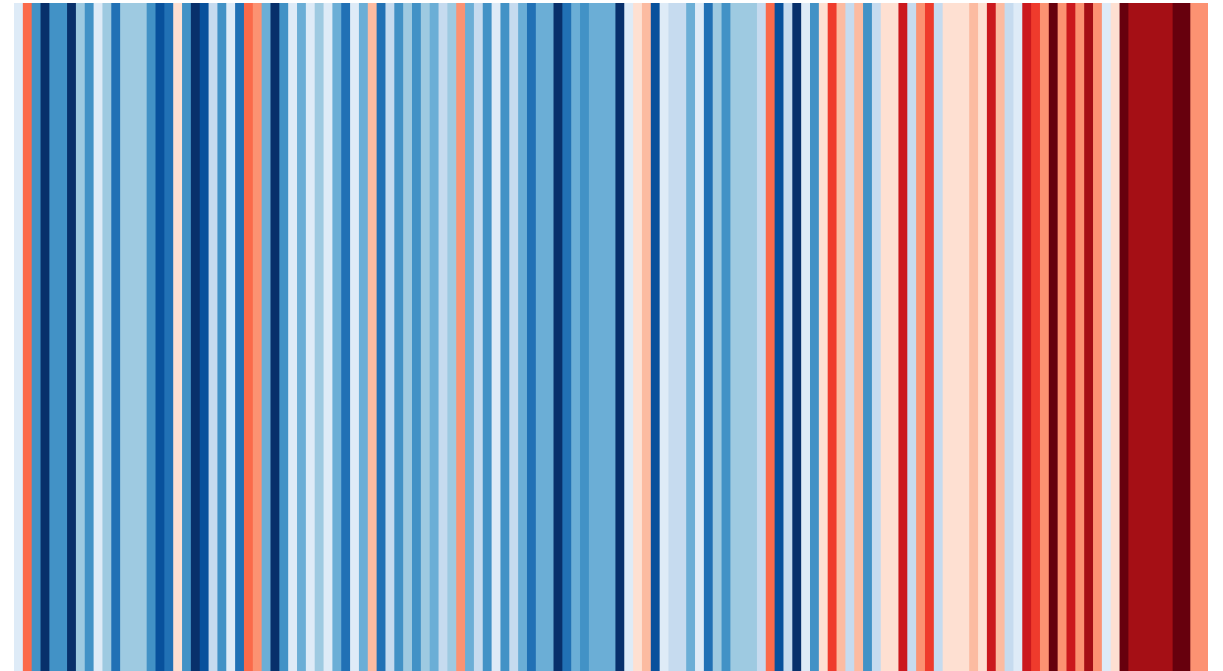
But, why R?

Mechanical stress on plant tissue



Source

Climate stripes



Source

Doing well

Attend lectures | Put in the hours | Ask questions

Attend lectures

Attending a lecture is *not* the same as watching a recording...

- You can **ask questions** and *interact* with your peers.
- Your **lecturer** actively adjusts the pace/content based on your *informal* feedback (e.g. confused looks, Google polls).
- If you don't *understand* something, there is a *good* chance that you can address it *before* the next lecture or lab.

🏆 Put in the hours

- This is a **6 credit point** unit, which means that you are expected to spend **120 – 150 hours** in total, including exam prep time (~10 h per week)!
- **Practice makes perfect.** Tutorials and Labs help you apply the concepts you learn in lectures – complete all the exercises, and practice with the bonus questions provided.



Ask questions

- **Ed** is the *best* place to ask questions. We are way more responsive on **Ed** than on email.
- We are *open* to the use of AI tools (including LLMs like ChatGPT) to help you answer questions about code... but don't use them to cheat *yourself* out of learning.
- We have **drop-in sessions**, where you can jump in and have a chat on Zoom. We will announce the schedule on **Ed**.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course, we want you to be able to:

- **LO1** demonstrate proficiency in designing sample schemes and analysing data from them **using R**.
- **LO2** describe and identify the basic features of an **experimental design**: replicate, treatment structure and blocking structure.
- **LO3** demonstrate proficiency in the use of the statistical programming language **R** to apply an ANOVA and fit regression models to experimental data.
- **LO4** demonstrate proficiency in the use of the statistical programming language **R** to use multivariate methods to find patterns in data.
- **LO5** interpret the output and understand conceptually how it's derived of a regression, ANOVA and multivariate analysis that have been calculated by R.
- **LO6** write statistical and modelling results as part of a scientific report.
- **LO7** appraise the validity of statistical analyses used in publications.

Let's get started!

Questions?

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