

AGRON 590RD - R for Data Science

Spring 2018

Class Time: T 2:10-3:00 in Agronomy G541

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Class Format

We will follow a flipped-classroom approach where students are responsible for reading assigned materials outside of class and practicing new methods by actively coding in the classroom.

Textbook:

- Golemund, Garrett, and Hadley Wickham. *R for Data Science*. O'Reilly, 2017. <http://r4ds.had.co.nz>

Course Objectives

This course will closely follow the textbook *R for Data Science* with the objectives of introducing students to the R language through methods meant for R beginners or those not needing an in-depth understanding of the language. Students will learn data visualization, transformation, and analysis as well as how to move data around into workable structures. We will cover basic R programming and modeling and great ways to become better at data organization and communicating results.

Tentative Course Outline:

1. Introduction, Context, and Set-up	Week 1
2. R4DS Section 1-3.4 Intro and Data Viz	Week 2-3
3. R4DS Section 3.4-3.10 Data Viz	Week 4-5
4. R4DS Section 4 -5 Basics and Transformations	Week 6-7
5. R4DS Section 7 EDA	Week 7-9
6. R4DS Section 8,9,10 Projects and Tibbles	Week 10
7. R4DS Section 11 Data Import	Week 11
8. R4DS Section 12 Tidy Data	Week 12
9. R4DS Section 14-15 Strings	Week 13
10. R4DS Section 16 Dates and Times	Week 14
11. R4DS Section 17-18 Programming and Pipes	Week 15

Assessment:

A 1-credit lecture course requires 50 minutes in the classroom and 2 hours outside of the classroom. Weeks will be designed to include ~2 hours of reading and practice outside of the classroom and 50 minutes of actively writing code in the classroom. Assessment will be based on attendance and participation.

Attendance

I have found that research schedule demands of graduate school are a real impediment to learning new skills and taking non-required courses. This course will aim to keep a flexible attendance policy. However, inability to attend a class must be made up with in-kind time. Instructor and student must agree on what makes up for a class absence, which will be dependent upon the week.

Participation

Participation will occur through working on exercises during class time. If required reading is not performed, it will not be possible to work on the exercises during the short, 50 min period. Code produced during class will be turned in at the end of each class and degree of participation will be determined.

Academic Honesty:

As an Iowa State University student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy (<http://www.dso.iastate.edu/ja/academic/misconduct.html>). Academic misconduct is a serious matter and student's suspected of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students Office. Questions related to course assignments and the academic honesty policy should be directed to the instructor.

Disability Accommodation:

Iowa State University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sect 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you have a disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please contact your instructor (in this case, Ian Mouzon) to set up a meeting within the first two weeks of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your need. Before meeting with the instructor, you will need to obtain a SAAR form with recommendations for accommodations from the Disability Resources Office, located in Room 1076 on the main floor of the Student Services Building. Their telephone number is 515-294-7220 or email disabilityresources@iastate.edu. Retroactive requests for accommodations will not be honored.

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Contact Information:

If you are experiencing, or have experienced, a problem with any of the above issues, email academicissues@iastate.edu.