Stat 6021: Guidelines for Homework Submission

1. All work must be submitted via Assignments on Collab. If your submission went through, you should get a confirmatory email from Collab stating so. You can also go back and edit your submission as many times as you wish until the deadline.

2. If you have a legitimate reason for turning in work late, please let me know and I will re-open the Assignment on Collab for you to turn it in there. **Do not email me your work**; emailed work does not count and will be disregarded.

3. Students often ask how much detail should be provided in intermediate steps for questions that are based on calculations. Two guiding principles for this:

   (a) You should provide enough detail where if you were to refer to your homework next year on your job, you have enough detail so you know how you derived your answers.

   (b) You have to prove to me that you know what you are doing.

4. Some questions will be graded for correctness, while other questions will be graded for completeness.

5. You may type or handwrite your work. Ensure the work is readable.

6. Ensure that it is clear what question and part you are answering.

7. If your answer is based on R output, please provide the R output so I can refer to your output when I evaluate your answers. I will not give credit if the relevant R output is not provided. For example, if you create a scatterplot and make a statement based on the scatterplot, I need to be able to refer to your scatterplot. I will not run your R code unless something looks wrong.

8. All interpretations and conclusions from hypothesis tests and confidence intervals should be written in the context of the data you are analyzing. For example, just stating that you rejected the null hypothesis is insufficient. What does rejecting the null hypothesis mean for you specific analysis?

9. Please also upload your R script containing the code you used to answer any of the questions. This allows me to refer to your work and give credit if needed.

10. Please submit your work as a pdf file if possible. **Do not submit word documents.**

11. For handwritten work, it is advisable to take a scan of your work and upload the scan. If you want to take a picture, be sure the picture is clear.

12. You may consult classmates on homeworks. However, your answers should be written independently. Just be careful of the fine line between collaboration and copying. My general rule of thumb is: can you explain each step of your work to me if I asked you a few days after you submitted the work? If your answer is yes, you are fine. If your answer is no, you most likely copied without understanding what you wrote.

13. Please include the names of the classmates you consulted with your submission.

14. You are welcomed to post questions regarding homework on the discussion forum. The discussion forum is a much more efficient tool for me to respond to, compared to email. I can type mathematical equations easily on the discussion forum as well.

15. Do not search the world wide web for answers to specific questions.

16. Searching for generic help for using R is ok. E.g.: How do I fit a simple linear regression in R? (Although I do provide a tutorial for this)

17. Searching for generic help in understanding course material is also ok. Just be aware that terminology and/or notation used can be very different, or sometimes wrong information is presented.