

# 812 Section Syllabus

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## Overview of Section

My goal in section is to supplement the learning you do during lecture, to help you understand the material better, and to help you to complete assignments. In order to do that, we will work through some practice problems each week to give you more experience with the material. Some weeks I will provide general instruction in R so that you can complete homework assignments and the final paper. I will also answer questions and clarify anything from lecture that you would like to review.

Each week, I will post a section handout with the practice problems and any R scripts we work through on my website, <http://bouchat.github.io>. I will not print section handouts in an effort to make section paperless, and to help you keep track of materials.

## Feedback

If there is anything I could be doing to help you understand and learn this material better, please always feel free to let me know. To that end, I have also created a section of my website that allows you to submit feedback anonymously. You will find this form under **812 Section Survey**. You can access that survey any time to let me know if there are topics in the class that you would like me to review or clarify in section. You can also use that survey to let me know if you would like to propose changes to the format of section, or if you would like to offer general feedback. **If you would like to propose a topic for review/clarification, please submit the form by 12 noon on Thursday of each week.** This will give me enough time to incorporate that topic into section materials.

## Problem Sets

Please remember to staple and write your name on your homework. If your homework is not typeset, please write as legibly as possible for your own sake. Also, whether you are able to answer the question or not, **please show all of your work**. I want to give you as much credit as possible, and while the homework will not be graded according to whether you got answers correct, it will be graded according to whether you demonstrated effort to answer each question. **Problem sets are due in my mailbox by 5 pm each Tuesday.**

## Academic Misconduct

You should absolutely form study groups to work on problem sets and your final papers together. However, each student must turn in homework individually. Please do not simply copy answers from a classmate; you won't learn the material and even if it helps you turn in problem sets on time, it won't help you on exams or in your academic career. If you have questions about this, please ask me.

## Contacting Me

Please feel free to talk to either me or Alex about your questions or concerns regarding the course. You can always reach me via email at [bouchat@wisc.edu](mailto:bouchat@wisc.edu). I will usually be able to respond the same day; this is less guaranteed on weekends. If the question is regarding homework, please be as specific as possible. Otherwise, come see me in...

## Office Hours

You can also come talk to me during my weekly office hours. These office hours are:

Monday 3–5 pm at Peet's Coffee in Memorial Union  
Wednesday 6–8 pm at Fair Trade Coffee (418 State Street)

If you cannot attend regular office hours, I'm happy to schedule an alternative time by email.