

818 Section Syllabus

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Overview of Section

My goal in section is to supplement your theoretical understanding of the material from lecture with applied examples that you can implement on problem sets and in your replication projects. During section, I will provide instruction in some useful functions in R that pertain to each week's problem set, and will be available to answer questions and consult on computational challenges you encounter with your own projects. I will also answer questions and clarify anything from lecture that you would like to review.

Each week, I will post R scripts that we'll work through on my website, <http://bouchat.github.io>. I will not print 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. I am always available via email or during office hours. I have also created a section of my website that allows you to submit feedback anonymously. You will find this form under **818 Section Survey**. You can access that survey any time to let me know if there are topics/functions/packages 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

Just a brief note that I am not the grader for your problem sets. Please still feel free to ask me any questions you have.

Academic Misconduct

You should absolutely work together on problem sets and your projects, and should build on code that I go over in section. However, each student must turn in problem sets individually. Please do not simply copy code and/or answers from me or from a classmate; you'll understand these operations far better if you adapt code and develop your own style. If you have questions about this, please ask me.

Contacting Me

Please feel free to talk to either me or John about your questions or concerns regarding the course. You can always reach me via email at bouchat@wisc.edu. I will usually be able to respond the same day; this is less guaranteed on weekends. If the question is regarding problem sets or R, please be as specific as possible. The best route is to send me your script file, **but PLEASE make sure it is well-commented so I understand what you're doing and can replicate the problem.** 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.