DATA 801 Programming for Data Science

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Recommended textbooks: Learning Python, 5th ed., 2013, by Lutz.*

Python for Data Analysis, 2012, by McKinney.*

Course Description: Introduction to programming for data science using Python.

Tentative Schedule:

May 25	Introduction to Python. Foundations including interacting with
	Python, basic control structures, functions, data input and output.
June 1	Numerical Python. Introduction to Scipy, Numpy, Pandas. Basic
	exploratory analysis and data munging.
June 8	Data munging, exploratory analysis and visualization. Introduc-
	tion to Matplotlib and Bokeh.
June 15	Data collection using Python. Web scraping and APIs. Data man-
	agement.
June 22	Interacting with other tools (such as databases, containers). More
	data management. PEP8 and Pythonic coding.

Homework: There will be three graded programming assignments, due dates and weights as follows:

- 1. Homework 1 Due Wednesday June 1, 10 points
- 2. Homework 2 Due Wednesday June 8, 10 points
- 3. Homework 3 Due Wednesday June 22, 20 points

Software: Required: The Anaconda Python distribution, using Python 3. https://www.continuum.io/downloads. Recommended: Sublime Text 3. https://www.sublimetext.com/.

Alterations to Syllabus: Consider this syllabus a general guide. If changes to the syllabus or schedule need to be made as they course progresses, they will be announced in class.

*: An electronic copy of this book is available free of charge through the UNH Library.