

# Week 1: Introduction

**Assignment: Very Basic Data in R (Due Week 2)**

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**Due This Week: Problem Set 1: Hello & Welcome to R**

## Readings

### Lecture: Course Introduction

- Recommended reference reading:
  - DV, chapter 1
  - RDS chapter 2
  - FCSP chapters 1-2
    - \* *We will not cover all of this material in ch 2 this week; don't get too caught up on things not in course slides or course R scripts*
  - DMSS chapters 1-2
    - \* *Ignore, for now, things that relate to Database Management Systems (DBSMs) or SQL*
  - **The Plain Person's Guide to Plain Text Social Science**, ch 1-2 (<https://plain-text.co/index.html>)
    - \* *Note: The Plain Person's Guide is a little out of date technically - some of the tools discussed have newer, and better, versions - but the overlying principles and philosophy are what you should pay attention to*

## Data & Computational Work

If you haven't yet followed the instructions for installing R & RStudio under “preliminaries”, now is the time to do so.

**Due Next Week: Problem Set 2**