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OCES 3301 :

basic Data Analysis in ocean sciences

Session 1: logistics, Jupyter notebooks and Python

Outline

- admin things (canvas, GitHub, Colab)
- approach of the course
  $\rightarrow$ lecture, workshop, assessment
- demonstration

Content of course is somewhat ocean science motivated, but skills are entirely generic

Practicalities

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Course grade breakdown:

method	
quizzes	$4\% \times 5 = 20\%$
assignments	$20\% \times 3 = 60\%$
interview style exam	20%

- pass mark is going to be 60%
- "A" boundary will be around 85-90%

  (I don't grade to a curve)

- assignments with plagiarism will get a minimum of **zero**

Practicalities

- weekly **Tue 0900 to 1150**

  $\rightarrow$ first 40-60 mins is lecture / outline

  $\rightarrow$ rest of the time is computer workshop, which is the **main learning part**

- F2F in class

  $\rightarrow$ it's more for you: us trying to help you code/debug without control/access to your computer is going to be incredibly irritating

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What this course is:

- a hands-on intro to basic data analysis tools and Python

  $\rightarrow$ on understanding principles, learning a few tools well, and a tackle a few problems but thoroughly (less is more in this case...)

  $\rightarrow$ transferable skills

- **you have to try do stuff**

  $\rightarrow$ the lectures are entirely supplementary to the computer workshops

- **focus on teaching you to teach yourself, and thinking algorithmically**

  $\rightarrow$ but you will probably fail if you try and focus on cramming over learning

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Syllabus

S01	Jupyter + Python	S06	statistical testing
S02	reading data + basic stats	S07	time series
S03	regression	S08	time series
S04	regression	S09	fun with maps
S05	statistical testing	S10	fun with maps

- lecture material is **cumulative**
- assignments at S04, S07, and S10

  $\rightarrow$ model assignment and marking criteria will be provided when assignments are released, and applicable to all subsequent assignments

Demonstration

(going to skip the spiel about why is data analysis important etc.)

- GitHub repository
- Jupyter notebooks
- Python (maybe some Anaconda and/or Google CoLab)
- data types (strings, floats, integers, boolean)
- lists, arrays, dictionaries
- indexing, basic manipulations
- loops, conditionals, subroutines (no modules/classes here)

Moving to a Jupyter notebook $\rightarrow$