Introduction to R for Life Scientists

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Course objectives: To develop skills for analyzing, interpreting, and summarizing data in R. At the end of the course, students will prepare a short presentation that covers the data analysis they performed, presents some of their main results in both graphs and tables, and highlights their interpretation of the data.

Course Schedule:

5/22: Getting started in R

5/24: Graphics in R

5/29: Summary Statistics and common tools for univariate statistical analysis in R (e.g., tests for normality, comparing means/variances, etc...)

5/31: Linear and nonlinear models in R

6/5: Experimental design and sample-size determination with R

6/7: Writing your own functions in R

6/12: R packages for ecology projects

6/14: R packages for molecular evolution and systematics projects

6/19: Break to work on projects

6/24: Project presentations

6/26: Project presentations