

Syllabus

Class Dates: August 17-21, 2020

Days of Week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Time (EDT): 18:00 - 19:00 EDT

Ideal Class Size: 300 (unlimited)

Max/Cap Class Size: 300 (unlimited)

Target Age range: 9th-12th grade

Course Description: R is a powerful statistical and computational language that allows you to synthesize, analyze, and visualize data. The RShiny framework allows users to create interactive web-based applications that utilize the powerful graphical capabilities that R provides. According to a data scientist from the Harvard Business Review, “data science is the most in-demand job of the 21st century”. This course will cover a comprehensive introduction to the R programming language, data analysis and visualization functionalities in R, and web development using R Shiny. By the end of this course, you will learn how to develop and publish your very own Shiny web applications!

Course Notes:

Please come prepared with R and RStudio installed on your computer using the following links:

- <https://cran.rstudio.com>
- <https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download>

Lecture demonstrations will run for approximately 60 minutes, followed by optional interactive app-building sessions.

Course Syllabus:

Data Analysis and Web Apps in R Shiny

- Day 1 - Basics of R
- Day 2 - Calculator Apps in RShiny
- Day 3 - Statistics
- Day 4 - Data Analysis
- Day 5 - Data Visualization

Detailed Plan:

Day 1, 08/17/20 - R Basics

- Introduction (10 min) (Karina)
 - What is R and RStudio
 - How to set up and run your first script
 - Print Hello World
- Data types (10 min) (Karina)
 - Assigning Variables
 - Numbers, Strings, Booleans
 - Reassigning values / changing data types
- Data structures (10 min) (Karina)
 - Vectors - creating, appending, accessing, operations
 - Matrices - creating, accessing, labeling
 - Lists - creating, accessing, labeling
- Conditionals/Functions (10 min) (Karina)
 - If statements
 - For loops
 - While loops
 - What are functions?
 - Print hello world
- Workshop (until 7:30)

Day 2, 08/18/20 - RShiny UI

- User Interface (15 min) (Lucas)
 - Display Layout (header, sidebar, body, box, fluidRow, column)
 - Widgets (checkbox, slider, numeric, radio, button)
 - Outputs (text, plot, table)
- Creating server that responds to user interaction (15 min) (Lucas)
- App #1: Calculator App (15 min) (Lucas)
- Workshop (until 7:30)

Day 3, 08/19/2020 - Statistics

- Review statistics (15 min) (Karina)
 - Central tendencies (mean, median, mode)
 - Spread (range, interquartile range, variance, standard deviation)
- Statistical functions in R (15 min) (Karina)
 - Generating random data
 - Implementing central tendencies and spread in R
 - Applying statistical functions to multiple rows of data

- App #2: Statistics App (15 min) (Lucas)
- Workshop (until 7:30)

Day 4, 08/20/2020 - Data Analysis

- Data Structures (15 min) (Lucas)
 - Review lists and matrices
 - Creating data frames
 - Accessing data frame elements
- Conditional Statements (15 min) (Lucas)
 - Or, And, Not operators
 - Subsetting data with conditional statements
- Data Analysis (15 min) (Lucas)
 - Reading/previewing datasets
 - Analyzing Covid data

Day 5, 08/21/2020 - Data Visualization

- Plotting Graphs (20 min) (Lucas)
 - Creating scatterplots
 - Plot elements (points, lines, curves, text, segments, arrows)
 - Barplots and histograms
 - Visualizing Covid data
- RShiny UI outputs (20 min) (Lucas)
 - plotOutput, plot_click
 - App #3: Graphing App (Lucas)
- Workshop (until 7:30)