# **Getting Oriented**

## Plan for today

- Why R?
- Getting oriented with R & RStudio
- Random helpful tidbits to know before you get going

# Why R?

- It's FREE!
- It's open source
- It's excellent at statistics and data visualization
- It's flexible
- And also, it's free

## What is R?

**R** is a programming language

RStudio is a program that makes it easy to actually use R

## In this class...



- Ask questions
- Make mistakes!
- When in doubt, *Google*

# Getting Familiar with RStudio

## **RStudio**

- Open RStudio in a new window on your computer
- Watch this Video & play with RStudio in parallel

## **Running Code**

#### Step 1:

- If you want to run **one line**, click anywhere in that line of code so that your cursor is there
- If you want to run **multiple lines**, highlight all of the lines of code you want to run

#### Step 2:

- Click "Run" at top right of script
- Hit command + return (for Mac) or ctrl + enter (for PC)

### Comment. Your. Code.



- You can use the hashtag/pound symbol to add comments/notes to yourself R knows that this is a note
- It is *strongly* recommended that you make notes to yourself along the way!

### No Practice

There is no practice set that accompanies this lecture/video sequence. Once you have a feel for RStudio (as described in this lecture), you may continue on to Lecture 2.