

SOC 4650/5650: Course Onboarding Checklist

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Account Signups

- ☐ Accept invitation to our [discussion board](#) - it should arrive in your SLU email - and update your display name
- ☐ Create [GitHub](#) account (with two-factor authentication enabled)
- ☐ Send a direct message to Chris on our [discussion board](#) with your GitHub username
- ☐ Accept GitHub invitation
 - Due to travel during the week of January 6th, I will add students to GitHub on January 13th
- ☐ Close issue on GitHub in your assignments repository, which will be a combination of your last name and “Assignments” (e.g. DoeAssignments, which would be located at <https://github.com/slu-soc5650/DoeAssignments/>)

Optional: Personal Computer Setup

If you are not using your own computer, you can skip this section!

- ☐ Update operation system
- ☐ Make sure you are running anti-virus software (or install some, free from SLU)
- ☐ Ensure you have enough free space
 - If you are a Windows user and want to install ArcGIS Pro, you'll need to ensure you have at least 50GB of space free
 - If you only want to install R and RStudio (on either Windows or macOS), you'll need at least 20GB of space free
- ☐ Make sure you know how to access your computer's file management system
- ☐ Install software as desired - see the [course software doc](#)
 - Due to travel during the week of January 6th, I will send out ESRI account information on January 13th

Purchase Books and Other Materials

- ☐ Brewer, Cynthia. 2015. *Designing better Maps: A Guide for GIS users*. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press.
- ☐ Gorr, Wilpen and Kristen Kurland. 2017. *GIS Tutorial 1 for ArcGIS Pro*. Redlands, CA: ESRI Press.
- ☐ Wickham, Hadley and Garrett Grolemund. 2016. *R for data science*. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly.
 - This book is also available as a [free webbook](#) - either the print or web versions are acceptable.
- ☐ If you are going to opt-in to receiving paper handouts, I strongly encourage you to purchase a 1.5" three-ring binder. We'll talk about this more on the first day of class.

Administrative Tasks

- ☐ Complete the Student Information Sheet

Course Preview

- ☐ Watch both videos posted on the [course preview page](#)
- ☐ Read the required reading listed in the [syllabus](#) and, if you are interested, read the optional readings as well
- ☐ Complete the [Lecture-01 entry ticket](#)

Get Ready for Lecture-01

- ☐ Complete all readings listed in the [syllabus](#)
- ☐ Come to class stoked to make your first maps!