

Statistics 21

Python & Other Technologies for Data Science

Vivian Lew, PhD - Monday, Week 1

Highlights from the Syllabus

(adapted from material originally created by Dr. Miles Chen)

Welcome!

- My name is Vivian Lew
- Please call me whatever name you are comfortable using

Office Hours Schedule

It is always great to see you during office hours.

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 4:50pm here until we're done (in-person only)
- Mondays 1:00PM - 3:00PM in my office - Math Sciences 8923

please schedule appointments with me if you cannot meet at any of these times

please schedule your initial 10% meeting with me using the shared spreadsheet

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xDzLqZkpSbfeYTPP6DwAwvXqO-Nypd8DxhMqiWxbU/edit?usp=sharing>

Note about office hours:

- Office hours are a nice way to meet and answer questions.
- Questions and issues are generally resolved much more quickly via office hours.
- When you meet with me, please **introduce yourself**. For example "Hi, I'm Joe Bruin." Please do this until I learn your name.
- I like office hours so much that everyone is going to need to meet with me at least once to earn 10% of their final grade.
- Office hours are a place to tell me more about yourself, maybe seek counsel about classes, maybe anything. I am happy to make accommodations for students who face difficult circumstances and may need extensions for assignment deadlines. Please do not hesitate to visit office hours.
- It's fine to ask me to correct grading mistakes or to ask about grading decisions during office hours but don't talk about grades in front of others (I can ask people to leave or schedule a private appointment)

Grade Breakdown

- 10% A 5 (min) - 15 minute (max) meeting with your professor before Week 4 (in-person preferred, Zoom is OK)
- 20% Attending and participating in team activities on Mondays and Wednesdays during Lecture
- 10% Attending and participating during section (TA will determine the specifics)
- 10% Mid-quarter Exam (end of Week 4 or start of Week 5, TBD)
- 10% Programming Homework (10 assignments - drop your two lowest scores)
- 10% Reflective Thinking (10 exercises - graded complete/incomplete - no drops)
- 20% Final Team Mini Project & Presentation Video (less than 10 minutes due Finals Week)
- 10% Either attending and participating in team activities in lecture on Fridays **OR (not and)** Final 15 minute (max) exam modeled on a technical job interview with your professor (in-person only, no notes, no electronic devices allowed and no internet access, schedule it anytime during Finals week)

Grading

Letter grades are assigned on a modified straight scale as follows:

- 50 and below: F
- 51.0 - 76.9: C, 77.0 - 79.9: C+
- 80.0 - 82.9: B-, 83.0 - 86.9: B, 87.0 - 89.9: B+
- 90.0 - 92.9: A-, 93.0 and up A

Attendance

- I do not take traditional attendance during lecture, instead there is an in-class activity involving classmates for credit.
- If you are unable to attend during the in-person lecture there will a weekly recap recorded. Lectures are not broadcasted live to encourage discussion/interaction.
- Monday of 9th week is a holiday (no lecture) and I allow 2 missed lectures from the MW portion before deductions begin
- There will be no lecture on Friday of 8th Week, and if you miss up to 3 of the remaining Friday lectures, you can take part of the final exam to make up for the deduction.

Homework

- Homework will be posted as an Jupyter Notebook (.ipynb file).
 - Students will complete their exercises in the notebook (.ipynb file),
 - Then save the notebook as a PDF and upload it.
 - And also upload the .ipynb file.
- Please incorporate this as homework late policy in the syllabus.
 - Late is declared once the grading begins
 - A 72-hour extension granted if documentation (e.g., doctor's note) is submitted with the homework .ipynb file.
 - **No need to contact the professor if you can include documentation with the homework submission.**
 - If you need an even longer extension, please visit professor in office hours or submit an e-mail request

BruinLearn Discussion for Python questions. Office hours for individual matters.

- Please post your Python questions on the discussion page on BruinLearn. You will likely get a quick response from classmates or me.
- If it is a question you don't want public, you should e-mail me via BruinLearn, it shows up as a notification on my phone.
- If you need talk about private/personal matters (e.g., anything related to grades or health) or just want to talk about things non-Python too - please come to office hours - don't email/post private things unless it's an emergency

Course Outline

(subject to change)

- Week 1: Prep: Shell, Python, PyCharm, Jupyter, pip, Git, ChatGPT
- Week 2: Python Fundamentals: data types, data structures.
- Week 3: Flow Control, Functions, Problem Solving, Algorithms
- Week 4: More Data: strings, lists, dictionaries, tuples
- Week 5: Midquarter Exam, Modules and Libraries, Pandas intro
- Week 6: Pandas: Wrangling and Analysis
- Week 7: Numpy and SciPy
- Week 8: Data Visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly
- Week 9: Python OOP: Classes and objects, methods, inheritance
- Week 10: Work on Final Team Project and TBD
- Finals Week: Final Exit Interview (if necessary), turn in all remaining work

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

ChatGPT is a game changer

- Let's talk about it.
- First, you should be using it or things like it.
- Second...

Think about 1, 10, 100 years, not 10 weeks

- There are skills you need to develop/possess going forward
- Problem solving skills - analyze complex problems, break the problem down into smaller components, and identify the most effective solution
- Critical thinking skills: analyzing and evaluating information to make wise decisions and solve problems by possessing the ability to identify fallacies, biases, credibility, correctness
- Communication skills- you will need to communicate with others: classmates, colleagues, supervisors, stakeholders, and clients. both in writing and verbally with the initial goal of articulating your ideas and thoughts clearly, but also to motivate, encourage, inspire...
- Flexibility - able to adapt to change and develop alternative solutions

Your Classmate is not the enemy (instead think teammate, colleague, cohort)

- The course is straight-scale 90% and higher is some form of "A" (includes A-) which means it does not matter what percentage of students score $\geq 90\%$ -- it's an "A" (includes A-)
- Part of your final grade is a team project to help you to develop your skills in communication
- Also work on leadership, teaching ability, professionalism - the things that will help carry you further in the future
- Your classmates are your "Data Theory Cohort", they will exit with the same degree as you -- you want employers and graduate programs to think positively about UCLA's Data Theory major

Collaboration Policy

- For all assignments, verbal collaboration is strongly encouraged but no code sharing.
- You are allowed to collaborate verbally with other students and ChatGPT but you are not allowed to look at or show someone else the code you are writing.
- They need to learn how to code and develop their own abilities and problem solving processes.

Allowed vs Not allowed

- Question to a classmate: "How did you do problem 2?"
- Policy Conforming response:
 - "I created a for loop and within each iteration I subset the x vector to the desired values and then used the sort function on the result. Be sure to assign the results to update the output object."
 - "Thank you!"
- Policy Violating response: "I can e-mail code to you"

Allowed on ChatGPT

- "Can you help me find what I'm doing wrong? Here is my code..."
- Please help me to understand the difference between an attribute and a method in Python
- Please show me how to write a nested for loop.

BUT Beware of doing this on ChatGPT

- This was a homework problem from last year which I copied and pasted to ChatGPT to answer for me this year: please write a function called `mul_time` (multiply time) that takes a Time object and a number and returns a new Time object that contains the product of the original Time and the number (next slide)
- If a classmate submits the exact same answer as you (so you both copied and pasted the same question to ChatGPT and got the same answer from ChatGPT), your assignments will be flagged on BruinLearn for Academic Dishonesty and I am required to report it.
- It is risky to copy and paste for a number of reasons at this level (basic-intermediate) of instruction.



Sure, here's a Python function called `mul_time` that takes a `Time` object and a number like and returns a new `Time` object that contains the product of the original `Time` and the number:

python

Copy code

```
def mul_time(time, num):
    """
    Multiply a Time object by a number and return the result as a new Time object.

    time: a Time object
    num: a number to multiply the Time by

    returns: a new Time object that is the product of the original Time and
    """
    seconds = time_to_int(time) * num
    return int_to_time(seconds)
```

This function first converts the `Time` object to an integer representing the number of seconds, multiplies it by the given number, and then converts the result back into a new `Time` object using the `int_to_time` function from an earlier example. Note that this function assumes the `Time` object and the number are both positive, and it does not modify the original `Time` object.

You are encouraged to discuss code that is not part of an assignment!

- Yes This is a coding class! As long as the code is not part of a homework assignment, you can post and discuss code.
- You can always post and discuss code that appears in lecture. You are encouraged to modify the examples that appear in lecture and consider the effect of each change you make.
- You can post and discuss code that is for the purpose of learning a particular concept or how a function works.
- You can post advanced stuff (that's not the stated purpose of this class, but some of you are very advanced programmers) just don't do it to intimidate others.

Time to Change Gears

Time for the in-class team response

- If you haven't done so already, negotiate with your neighbors and make teams for today.
- Maximum team size is 4. Minimum is 3. Anything outside of those parameters will not receive credit.
- Visit the people page on the left hand menu of the BruinLearn course page
- Please join a group, any group, first come, first served
- Introduce yourselves, meet someone new, learn a name
- Take a team selfie/greelfie/usie and upload it (just one group member needs to upload) for credit

CHECK: Does everyone have a copy of Python?

- Python is a little messy. There are different versions of Python (we will use Python 3.10 but 3.9-3.11 are fine).
- Teams - check and see - if you have your own computer with you, start up Python and see which version you have

Shell Basics (briefly)

Opening Terminal on MacOS

- Probably the quickest: Open spotlight with Command + space. Start typing "Terminal". Terminal will appear as the top hit after you type the first few letters. Hit Enter to start.
- Another method: You can open Launchpad from the dock. Click "Other". Click "Terminal".

terminal — Terminal



Terminal

Docker Quickstart Terminal

terminal application



terminal

Definition

Terminal — Apple Dictionary • An Apple app that provides a command line to enter commands for macO...

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vivian@Vivians-MacBook-Pro-3 ~ % █



vivian — Python — 80×24

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Last login: Sat Mar 11 20:10:00 on ttys001
[vivian@Vivians-MacBook-Pro-3 ~ % python
Python 3.10.5 (v3.10.5:f377153967, Jun  6 2022, 12:36:10) [Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1
300.0.29.30)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
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>>> quit()
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Opening Command Prompt on Windows

- Use the Start Menu to find "Command Prompt" (cmd) or terminal (Powershell)
- See this clip <https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxwRVMuR9F21cl3AoRxoQ9Grfv5YoGgKBh>
- If you have Windows 11, I'd recommend using Windows Terminal instead
- If I have any Windows experts in this class, please let me know if you are able to help your classmates

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PS C:\Users\kivi> python
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>>> |
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Installing Python

- You can find Python at python.org (links available)
- You can also run Python online (more on this next time)