

STAT 280
Introduction to Statistical Programming
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Class Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 16:15-17:30.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 AM.

Textbook: *A first course in statistical programming with R*, Third Edition. Braun, W. J., & Murdoch, D. J. (2021). Cambridge University Press.
The print version of the textbook will be available at:
<https://www.bkstr.com/concordiastore/home>
Note: Students should order textbooks as early as possible, especially for print versions in case books are backordered or there are any shipping delays.

Description: Statistical programming is an indispensable instrument in the toolkit of the modern data scientist. This course is an introduction to statistical programming and computational statistics using the R programming language (<https://www.r-project.org/>). Basic programming concepts such as data structures, flow control statements, and algorithms are introduced. The course also includes data manipulation methods and visualization tools for programming statistical graphics. The use of the R language for numerical linear algebra and statistical simulation is also illustrated.

Final Grade: Students will be evaluated based on homework assignments, mid-term and final evaluations, according to the following grading scheme:
20% Assignments + 30% Mid-term evaluation + 50% Final evaluation.

Further information will be communicated via Moodle.

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