

STAT 280
Introduction to Statistical Programming
Winter 2026

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Class Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 16:15-17:30.

Office Hours: Thursdays, 14:00-15:30.

Text: 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 back ordered or there are any shipping delays.

Assignments: There will be 6 assignments. Assignments are compulsory. Students are expected to submit assignments on Moodle. **Late assignments will not be accepted.** Assignments contribute 30% to your final grade. Working regularly on the assignments is essential for success in this course.

Mid-term Break: There will be a mid-term break from March 2 to March 8.

Midterm Tests: There will be two Class tests. **Class test I** will be held on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, and **Class test II** will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, both **in class**. These tests will be closed-book exams.

NOTE: Tests missed for any reason, **including illness**, cannot be discarded. Students who are unable to write the Class Test I for a valid reason, their midterm weight will be added to the second test and those who miss the second test (Test II) for a valid reason, will be given a replacement test in class. Such a request will not be granted unless it is made in **writing (by email)**, the reason is **valid** and is supported by **documentation** or other evidence. Valid reasons for missing a class test include: conflicts with other exams or religious observances (must be

reported to the instructor in advance); illness ([Short-Term Absence form](#) required); bereavement.

N.B.: Travel arrangements are **not** considered a valid reason for missing a test.

Final Grade:

- a) Assignments (30%)
- b) Mid-term tests (50%), Test I (25%) and Test II (25%)
- c) Final project (20%)

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. **It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

IMPORTANT: **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO '100% FINAL PROJECT' OPTION IN THIS COURSE.**

Week	Topics to be Covered
1	Getting started Statistical Programming, Basic features in R, Vectors in R
2	Data storage in R, Packages, Data storage in R, Packages, libraries, & repositories
3	Logical vectors and relational operators, Data frames & lists, Data input & output
4	Programming statistical graphics
5	Programming with R: Flow control, managing complexity through functions; Class Test I
6	Programming with R: The replicate function, programming guidelines
7	Programming with R: Debugging and maintenance, efficient programming
8	Simulation: Monte Carlo simulation, Generation of pseudorandom numbers
9	Simulation: Different random variables, multivariate random number generation, Markov chain simulation
10	Simulation: Monte Carlo integration & advanced simulation methods. Class Test II
11	Computational linear algebra: Vectors & matrices in R, Matrix multiplication & inversion
12	Computational linear algebra: Eigen values & Eigen vectors, Matrix décompositions & other opérations & Review

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