

STAT 280
Introduction to Statistical Programming
Winter 2025

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- Class Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 16:15-17:30.
Note: There will be a mid-term break from February 24 to March 2.
- Office Hours:** Thursdays 14:00-15:30.
- 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, a mid-term and a final evaluations, according to the following grading scheme:
30% Assignments + 35% Mid-term evaluation + 35% Final evaluation.

Midterm test will be held on Thursday March 06, 2025, in class.

Further information will be communicated via Moodle.

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.

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