

## Term Information

Effective Term Spring 2014

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Evol, Ecology & Organismal Bio  
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Evolution, Ecology & Org Bio - D0390  
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences  
Level/Career Graduate  
Course Number/Catalog 8896.19  
Course Title EEOB Grad Seminar: Current topics in quantitative methods  
Transcript Abbreviation G Sem: Quant Meth  
Course Description Current topics in quantitative methods as related to evolution, ecology, and organismal biology  
Semester Credit Hours/Units Variable: Min 1 Max 2

## Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 7 Week  
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never  
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No  
Grading Basis Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Repeatable Yes  
Allow Multiple Enrollments in Term Yes  
Max Credit Hours/Units Allowed 20  
Max Completions Allowed 10  
Course Components Seminar  
Grade Roster Component Seminar  
Credit Available by Exam No  
Admission Condition Course No  
Off Campus Never  
Campus of Offering Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites Grad standing, or permission of instructor  
Exclusions

## Cross-Listings

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## Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 26.0701  
Subsidy Level Doctoral Course  
Intended Rank Masters, Doctoral

## Requirement/Elective Designation

Required for this unit's degrees, majors, and/or minors

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

## Course Details

### Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Learn to use R for the management, description, analysis and visualisation of ecological data.
- Learn best principles of data exploration, analysis and visualisation.

### Content Topic List

- Introduction to and tour of R
- Subsets and data management
- Useful functions
- Basic and advanced graphics
- Classic tests, linear regression, ANOVA, generalized linear models
- Writing functions
- If, for, while, repeat
- Random sampling and numbers
- Mixed effects models
- Phylogenetic comparative methods
- Community ordination
- Spatial point pattern analysis

## Attachments

- 8896.19 syllabus-2013-09-11.docx: Syllabus

*(Syllabus. Owner: Lanno,Roman P.)*

## Comments

- This syllabus should take care of the issues *(by Lanno,Roman P. on 09/16/2013 09:26 PM)*
- -Many links are dead in syllabus.

-Please provide necessary elements in syllabus (see list of bolded items on p. 13

[http://asccas.osu.edu/files/ASC\\_CurrAssess\\_Operations\\_Manual.pdf](http://asccas.osu.edu/files/ASC_CurrAssess_Operations_Manual.pdf) ): academic misconduct, disability services *(by*

*Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal on 09/11/2013 11:36 AM)*

**COURSE REQUEST**  
8896.19 - Status: PENDING

Last Updated: Hadad,Christopher Martin  
09/17/2013

**Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Lanno,Roman P.	08/31/2013 12:54 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Lanno,Roman P.	08/31/2013 12:58 PM	Unit Approval
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# Quantitative Methods in R

## Logistics

Instructor: Simon A. Queenborough

Location: Aronoff

Office Hours:

Required: A computer running R 3.0.0 and [Rstudio](#) with wi-fi internet access.

## Objectives

1. Learn to use R for the management, description, analysis and visualisation of ecological data.
2. Learn best principles of data exploration, analysis and visualisation.

## Recommended Course Book

This book is not required but good for complete novices, as it describes in detail things like moving data from spreadsheets to text files to R.

Beckerman, AP & Petchey, OL *Getting Started with R* [website](#) [Amazon](#)

## Assignments, Examinations & Grades

This seminar is graded as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. Grades will be based on completion of in-class exercises.

There will be optional mid-terms and final tests for those inclined.

## Course Schedule

### Why R? Introduction and overview of R

First, read this New York Times [article](#). Then, watch these online videos, Parts [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) and [4](#).

Next... Install R on to your laptop! (go to [www.r-project.org](http://www.r-project.org), and follow links through to your OS).

And get ready for some gRRRRreat fun!

## Guided introduction to R and basic ideas

**Class 1. Introduction to R**

**Class 2. Tour of R**

**Class 3. First R session, guided**

**Class 4. Subsets and Data Management**

Exercises 1 | data:

Exercises 2 | data:

## Exploring and Visualising Data

**Class 5. Useful Functions (apply etc).**

Exercises 5 | data:

**Class 6. Basic Graphics**

The Visual Display of Quantitative Information

Exercises 6 | data:

**Class 7. Advanced Graphics**

Exercises 7 | data:

More graphics resources:

## Statistical Analysis of Data

A Protocol for Data Exploration to Avoid Common Mistakes

**Class 8. Classical Tests**

**Class 9. Linear Regression**

**Class 10. ANOVA**

**Class 11. Generalized Linear Models**

## Advanced Statistics & Programming in R

**Class 12. Writing Functions**

Exercises 12 | data:

**Class 13. If, For, While, Repeat**

Exercises 13 | answers

**Class 14. Random Sampling & Numbers**

Exercises 14 | answers

## Specialised Topics in R

### Class 15. Mixed Effects Models

data: seedling, fruit | Bolker article

### Class 16. Phylogenetic Comparative Methods

data: geospiza, tree

### Class 17. Community Ordination

data: veg, site | John2007

### Class 18. Spatial Point Pattern Analysis

Spatstat handbook

## Resources

### Programming

[Code Academy](#) - "Learn to code. Codecademy is the easiest way to learn how to code. It's interactive, fun, and you can do it with your friends"

[Software Carpentry](#) "Our mission is to help scientists be more productive by teaching them basic computing skills"

online programming R [resources](#)

Braun W.J., Murdoch D.J. A First Course in Statistical Programming with R Phil Spector Data Manipulation with R

[Peter Hurd](#)

### text editors

a list of [GUIs](#) for Windows, Mac and Linux. We will be using [RStudio](#) on this course.

### books

Ben Bolker [Ecological Models and Data in R](#)

Mick Crawley [The R Book](#)

Venables & Ripley [Modern Applied Statistics in S-Plus](#)

Andrew Gelman & Jennifer Hill [Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models](#)

Alain Zuur et al [A Beginner's Guide to R](#)

## **graphics**

[Edward Tufte: The Visual Display of Quantitative Information, Envisioning Information, Beautiful Evidence](#)

[Murrell R Graphics](#)

[Bill Cleveland The Elements of Graphing Data, Visualizing Data](#)

[R Graph Gallery](#)

[Gallery of Data Visualisation](#)

[dot plots](#)

[simple graphs](#)

[ggplot2](#)

## **websites**

[R project](#)

[R help](#)

[R wiki](#)

[R Introduccion \(en linea, ingles\)](#)

[Ecology and Epidemiology in R](#)

[Burns stats](#)

[StatsRus](#)

## **spreadsheets**

[spreadsheet addiction](#)

[why does Excel suck so much?](#)

## **blogs**

[Andrew Gelman blog](#)

[Methods in Ecology and Evolution Journal](#)

[badscience.net](#)

## **General Issues & Conduct**

### **Academic misconduct**

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>.

### **Accessibility**

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.