



Course Title: Introduction to Data Analysis with R

Duration: 3 Months

Schedule: 2 lessons/week (2 hours per lesson)

Total Lessons: 24

Prerequisite: Basic proficiency in Python

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Use R and RStudio effectively for data analysis tasks
- Import, clean, manipulate, and visualize data using tidyverse packages
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA)
- Understand and apply basic statistical methods in R
- Communicate data insights using reports and dashboards

Course Outline

◆ **Module 1: Getting Started with R (Weeks 1–2)**

Lesson 1 – Introduction to R and RStudio

- Why R for data analysis
- R vs Python for data tasks
- Installing R and RStudio
- Using RStudio interface

Lesson 2 – R Language Basics

- Vectors, data types, and indexing

- Control structures: if, for, while
- Writing simple functions

Lesson 3 – Working with R Scripts and Projects

- R scripts and markdown
- RStudio projects and file management
- Basic input/output and using the console

Lesson 4 – Introduction to Packages and Help System

- Installing and loading packages
- Using `help()` and `?` for documentation
- Introduction to `tidyverse`

◆ Module 2: Data Manipulation with tidyverse (Weeks 3–5)

Lesson 5 – Data Frames and tibbles

- Creating and viewing data frames
- Tibbles vs data frames
- `readr` and `readxl` for importing data

Lesson 6 – Data Cleaning with dplyr

- `filter()`, `select()`, `mutate()`, `arrange()`, `rename()`
- Chaining with `%>%` (pipe)

Lesson 7 – Grouped Summaries with `group_by()` and `summarise()`

- Aggregating data
- Handling missing data (`na.rm`, `is.na`)

Lesson 8 – Data Reshaping with `tidyr`

- `pivot_longer()` and `pivot_wider()`
- `separate()` and `unite()` for string manipulation

◆ Module 3: Data Visualization with ggplot2 (Weeks 6–7)

Lesson 9 – Grammar of Graphics and Introduction to `ggplot2`

- Aesthetic mappings, layers, and themes
- Scatter plots and bar plots

Lesson 10 – Advanced ggplot2 Visualizations

- Histograms, boxplots, violin plots
- Customizing labels, titles, colors, legends
- Faceting (`facet_wrap`, `facet_grid`)

Lesson 11 – Time Series and Line Plots

- Plotting over time
- Formatting time-based data with `lubridate`

Lesson 12 – Combining Plots and Saving Output

- `patchwork` or `cowplot` for multiple plots
- Exporting plots to image or PDF

◆ **Module 4: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) (Weeks 8–9)**

Lesson 13 – EDA Concepts and Strategies

- Identifying types of variables
- Asking good analytical questions

Lesson 14 – Descriptive Statistics in R

- Mean, median, standard deviation
- Frequency tables and proportions

Lesson 15 – Outliers, Distributions, and Data Quality

- Detecting outliers
- Skewness, kurtosis, normality checks

Lesson 16 – Practical EDA Case Study

- Walkthrough of real-world dataset
- Cleaning, exploring, visualizing

◆ **Module 5: Basic Statistics for Data Analysis (Weeks 10–11)**

Lesson 17 – Hypothesis Testing in R

- t-tests, chi-square tests
- Using `t.test()` and `chisq.test()`

Lesson 18 – Correlation and Linear Regression

- Pearson and Spearman correlation
- Simple linear regression with `lm()`

Lesson 19 – ANOVA and Categorical Data Analysis

- One-way ANOVA
- Using `aoa()` and interpreting results

Lesson 20 – Introduction to Sampling and Bootstrapping

- Random sampling
- Confidence intervals using `boot` or `infer`

◆ Module 6: Reporting and Reproducibility (Weeks 12)

Lesson 21 – R Markdown Basics

- Creating R Markdown documents
- Embedding code and plots in reports

Lesson 22 – Parameterized Reports and Templates

- Dynamic reporting
- Sharing insights with stakeholders

Lesson 23 – Project Presentation Preparation

- Group/individual project work
- Creating final reports and visualizations

Lesson 24 – Final Presentations and Course Wrap-up

- Present analysis projects
- Q&A, review, next steps in learning R

Tools Used

- R & RStudio

- tidyverse (dplyr, tidyr, ggplot2, readr)
- lubridate, infer, broom
- R Markdown, knitr



Capstone Project

By the end of the course, each participant will complete a data analysis project using a real-world dataset, including:

- Data wrangling
- EDA and visualization
- Statistical analysis
- Reporting via R Markdown