

METR 1313 Syllabus, Spring 2014

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Instructors

- Primary instructor: Professor Brian Fiedler, ✉ bfiedler@ou.edu, NWC 5636
- Teaching Assistant: Christopher Riedel

Class time

- Section 1: 2:00pm-3:15 pm TR in NWC 5720
- Section 2: 2:00pm-2:50 pm MWF in NWC 5720

Office hours

- before and after class
- Sunday 7-9 pm at 🌍 Second Wind Coffeehouse
- Other hours to be arranged, such as at the base of Adams Center (Tower), in or near the 🌍 HLC. (Maybe at the fast food joint next to the HLC ...more empty tables).

Topics:

Here is what was advertised, and approved by the Academic Programs Council:

- Connecting to server, the linux command line, the linux file system, basic linux commands, the linux text editors, offering a file on the WWW.
- A program as a script of sequential linux commands
- Introduction to Python: numerical variables and values, arithmetic, loops, print statements, a simple Python program
- Python data structures: strings, lists, tuples, sets, dictionaries
- control flow, booleans
- searching and sorting
- functions
- modules
- python plotting: matplotlib
- simple python cgi scripts
- arrays and numpy
- working with simple files of data: text files and netCDF files

Assessment:

Letter graded. 7 programming projects, 10 points maximum each. There are no quizzes or tests. There is NO final exam. The final grades might be more lenient than the following scheme, but the grades will not be more restrictive:

- total $\geq 90\%$: A
- $80\% \leq \text{total} < 90\%$: B
- $70\% \leq \text{total} < 80\%$: C
- $60\% \leq \text{total} < 70\%$: D
- total $< 60\%$: F

Note the percentage listed in the above is: $(\text{total points})/70 * 100\%$


Project Grade Policy

The best way to have your projects graded, and to have the opportunity to achieve the full 10 points, is to demonstrate your program to either Professor Fiedler or the Teaching Assistant, Christopher Riedel. Your demonstration can occur during class time or at a help session. This is the only option for Project #1. The second best option is to email Professor Fiedler that you have a completed project on the server. Be sure you give complete information about the name of your program, and in which directory the program resides. Some of the projects also require posting graphical output on you personal website. You will build this website on the server.

Projects submitted late will be eligible for at most 1/2 the maximum credit. Projects

submitted past the Due Date for the subsequent project will not be eligible to receive any credit.

projects:

1. Project #1 **Friday January 31**. Complete Exercise 11 in Chapter 3 of interactivepython. To achieve full ten points you need to have a "for loop", unless excused. You should also be able to make small changes in your program, at the suggestion of the instructor. Here are some examples from Spring and Fall of 2013:
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2. Project #2 **Friday February 14** SimpleData
3. Project #3 **Friday February 28** SST
4. Project #4 **Friday March 14** BetterPi
5. Project #5 **Friday April 4** CRUTEM
6. Project #6 **Friday April 18** CRUTEM2
7. Project #7 **Friday May 2** GriddedData