

DS 2001 Week 1

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DS 2001-01: Social Science Practicum

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<https://course.ccs.neu.edu/ds2000/>

<https://piazza.com/northeastern/fall2019/ds2000>

<https://sdmccabe.github.io/ds2001/>

Description

This course teaches hands-on programming skills using using applied examples drawn from the social sciences. We will also read/discuss how data science is impacting society, and work to develop an intuition for computational social science.

Grading

- Weekly coding exercises (30%)
- Reading reflections (six) (15%)
- Class + Piazza discussion (15%)
- Final Project + Presentation (40%)

On attendance

It is important to attend every class. While I will not keep attendance, each class includes in-class coding exercises and discussions of the week's readings. If you miss class, you lose the opportunity to get those points. Notify me ahead of time if you know you will miss class, with enough notice.

Exercises

- Weekly
- Completed in-class
- Submitted via Blackboard

- Assigned each week
- To be completed before class
- Reading reflections
 - 250–500 word post on Piazza
 - Six in total
 - Due by midnight Tuesday
- Class and Piazza discussion

- To be completed in teams (2–3)
- Teams due October 23
- Proposal (1pp) due October 30
- Analysis notebook due November 27
- Project presentation due December 4

Office hours:

McCabe: Fridays 1:30–3:30

- Location: 177 Huntington?

Rathi: Mondays 2:00–4:00, Thursdays 4:00–6:00

- Location: TBD

<https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/>

<https://atom.io/>

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