



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CATARINA  
GRADUATE COURSE IN ECOLOGY



SYLLABUS

SEMESTER 01 / 2024

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

CODE	COURSE NAME	WORKLOAD - WEEK		WORKLOAD - SEMESTER
ECO410030	Ecological data and graphs in R	30		30
	Number of students	Minimum: 4	Maximum: 20	N of credits: 1

**2. SCHEDULE**

March 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), 100% in person.  
Mornings starting at 8:30 AM until 12 AM, afternoons starting at 2 PM until 5 PM.

**3. LECTURERS**

Dr. Luis Macedo Soares  
Profa. Dra. Aurea Luiza Lemes

**4. GRADUATE COURSE**

Ecology

**5. COURSE OUTLINE**

First steps in R: installing R and additional packages. The R language: functions, data types, objects and graphs. Data entry: vectors, matrices, data-frames and lists. The course will be taught in Portuguese.

**6. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

To train MSc and PhD students in their first steps in R programming. We expect all students who finished the course will have a background to start learning in statistical analysis and to load data and prepare graphs in R environment.

**7. DESCRIPTION OF METHODS**

The course will be held for 3 consecutive days. The course is mainly practical, so all practices will be carried out on computers. We ask to all enrolled students, if possible, to bring their own computers.

**8. ASSESSMENT**

We will use participation and ability to use the tools learned in the classes as means of assessment.

## 9. COURSE PROGRAM

- Module 1 (Tuesday/March 5<sup>th</sup>). Introduction to the environment R: Program installation, creation and manipulation of simple objects, basic graphics
- Module 2 (Wednesday /March 6<sup>th</sup>) Different types of objects (functions, vectors, matrices, factors, lists and data tables), indexing and extraction, related graphics
- Module 3. (Thursday /March 7<sup>th</sup>) Loading and manipulating data, and an introduction to databases, more graphics.

## 10. REFERENCES

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