Tufts University, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

NUTR 237 – Introduction to SAS Programming
Fall 2018

Class Meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:00 p.m. Sackler 510
Starting Tuesday, September 4th 2018

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Teaching Asst.: None

Graduate Credits: 0.5 credit
Prerequisites: None

Course Description: This half-semester course will provide students with sufficient knowledge of how to obtain, manage, and prepare data in SAS for Windows. Emphasis will be placed on the basics of SAS programming and data manipulation. Upon completion, students should be able to use data in SAS and be familiar with the procedure steps required to import and export data, create SAS data sets, produce descriptive statistics, and transform data in preparation for statistical analyses. In-class exercises and weekly homework assignments will allow students to acquire hands-on experience solving common SAS programming tasks.

Course Objectives: Upon completion, students should be able to:
1) Use SAS data and procedure steps to import and export data
2) Create, modify and save SAS data sets
3) Merge and append data
4) Use SAS functions and statements to summarize and define new variables
5) Produce descriptive statistics
6) Transform data in preparation for statistical analyses


SAS software version 9.3 or higher. Tufts has a site license with SAS and students may install a copy on their laptop. Consult the front desk at HHSL Computer Lab on 5th floor for details or see https://it.tufts.edu/sw-sas to get more information on downloading and installing the software. A typical installation can take up to an hour or more so please also bring your AC cord. Alternatively, students may also find SAS installed in the computers in the HHSL library and
PHPD student lounge. Please note that SAS may not work equally well on all operation systems, check for the compatibility at: http://support.sas.com/supportos/list.

**Academic Conduct:** Each student is responsible for upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, as specified in the Friedman School’s Policies and Procedures handbook (http://nutrition.tufts.edu/student/documents) and Tufts University policies (http://uss.tufts.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/AcademicIntegrity.pdf). It is the responsibility of each student to understand and comply with these standards, as violations will be sanctioned by penalties ranging from failure on an assignment and the course to dismissal from the school.

**Classroom Conduct:** Students must notify the course director in advance if you will be absent for the class. Also, inform the lecturer in charge if you decide to leave the class early. Students who miss the class are responsible for downloading and reviewing the lecture materials and submitting exercises from the class.

**Assessment and Grading:** Six homework assignments (weekly) 60%
In-class programming exercises 5%
Comprehensive final exam 35%

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**Assignments and Submission Instructions:** Assignments and Submission Instructions: Homework is due at the assigned deadline. Homework assignments shall be submitted to the instructor via CANVAS along with corresponding SAS code, logs, and output prior to the deadline. Assignments received after their deadline will not be accepted or graded unless an extension is approved in advance. Students who are unable to complete an assignment or exam on time for any reason should notify the instructor by email prior to the deadline, with a brief explanation for why the extension is needed. Please submit all files to CANVAS using the following file naming convention: HMK#_LastName_First
initial_YYYYMMDD.sas (or *.log, *.mht, etc.). For example, the first homework I would submit would be HMK1_Rogers_G_20170915.sas

Accommodation of Disabilities:
Students with documented disabilities are entitled to academic accommodation appropriate to their needs. If you require accommodations for this course, please contact me confidentially prior to the end of the second week of classes.
**Course Schedule:**

* This schedule is subject to modification at the instructor’s discretion.

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Course Topics, Learning Objectives and Assignments

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Class # 1: (9/4) *Getting started with SAS, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Open and run a basic SAS program
2) Properly document SAS programs
3) Understand the basic functions and options of the editor, log, output and results viewer windows
4) Use the contents procedure and basic print statements to explore data
5) Use SAS and other documented internet resources to find syntax help

**Preparation for class:**
*Chapter 1 of The Little SAS Book*

**Assignments for this class:**
*None*

Class # 2: (9/6) *Getting your data into SAS 1, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Enter data into SAS using viewtable and datalines
2) Open SAS, SPSS, files using libname, filename and engine statements
2) Use SAS data step and input statements to read in complex *.txt and *.CSV files using List input

**Preparation for class:**
*Chapter 2 of The Little SAS Book*

**Assignments for this class:**
*Assignment # 1 given*
Class # 3: (9/11) *Getting your data into SAS II, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Open SAS, SPSS, and EXCEL files using libname, filename and engine statements
2) Use SAS procedures to import *.txt, *.csv, Excel and ACCESS data
3) Use SAS data step and input statements to read in complex *.txt files

**Preparation for class:**
Continue reading *Chapter 2 of The Little SAS Book*

**Assignments for this class:**
*Continue assignment # 1*

Class # 4: (9/13) *Working with your Data Part 1, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this class, students will be able to:
1) Create and redefine variables
2) Use selected SAS numeric and character functions
3) Use if -then statements
4) Use simple do loops for iterative processing
5) Subset data

**Preparation for class:**
*Chapter 3 of The Little SAS Book*

**Assignments for this class:**
*Assignment # 1 is due*
*Assignment # 2 is given*

Class # 5: (9/18) *Working with Your Data Part 2, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Create labels and formats
2) Convert data from character to numeric and numeric to character
3) Use SAS date functions
4) Use simple arrays
Preparation for class:

*Continue reading chapter 3 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this class:

*Continue assignment # 2*

Class # 6: (9/20) *Modifying and Combining SAS data sets 1, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

Learning objectives:

Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:

1) Create multiple data sets from one file
2) Append SAS data sets
3) Use data set options in concatenating files

Preparation for class:

*Chapter 6 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this class:

*Assignment # 2 is due
Assignment # 3 is given*

Class # 7: (9/25) *Modifying and Combining SAS data sets 2, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

Learning objectives:

Upon completion of this class, students will be able to:

2) Merge SAS data sets (1:1, inner and outer joins)
3) Use the IN= operator to track and control observations
4) Merge files using multiple variables
5) Use data set options in merging files

Preparation for class:

Continue reading *Chapter 6 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this class:

*Continue Assignment # 3*
Class # 8: (9/27) *Transposing data, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Use the transpose procedure to convert data from long to wide and wide to long
2) Use data step procedure to aggregate, separate and reshape data in preparation for data analysis

**Preparation for class:**
*Continue reading Chapter 6 of The Little SAS Book.*

**Assignments for this class:**
*Assignment # 3 is due*
*Assignment # 4 is given*

Class # 9: (10/2) *Working with Longitudinal data, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Use shortcuts for variable naming
2) Identify first and last observations in a group
3) Use the Retain and Sum statements
4) Count the number of observations per by group
5) Calculate across observations

**Preparation for class:**
*Intro to Longitudinal Data: A Grad Student “How-To” Paper (on trunk)*

**Assignments for this class:**
*Continue Assignment # 4*

Class # 10: (10/4) *Visualizing data with ODS graphs, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

**Learning objectives:**
Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
1) Use and understand the basics of Output Delivery System (ODS Graphics)
2) Create scatterplots, box plots, histograms and series plots in SAS
3) Customize and save graphics output for use in other software packages
Preparation for class:
    *Chapter 8 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this class:
    *Assignment # 4 is due*
    *Assignment # 5 is given*

Class # 11: (10/11) *Basic Statistical Procedures, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

Learning objectives:
    Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
    1) Use the frequency, univariate, means and correlation procedures
    2) Do simple statistical tests using the T-test, ANOVA and Regression procedures
    3) Understand the output from the above procedures and how to customize
       output and save results in data steps as well as *.html, and *.rtf files

Preparation for class:
    *Chapter 9 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this class:
    *Continue Assignment # 5*

Class # 12: (10/16) *Using the Output Delivery System, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510*

Learning objectives:
    Upon completion of this week, students will be able to:
    1) Understand the basics of ODS
    2) Work with table and style templates
    3) Trace and select output tables
    4) Create files for various destinations including: SAS data set, *.PDF, *.RTF and
       *.HTML

Preparation for class:
    *Chapter 5 of The Little SAS Book*

Assignments for this week:
    *Assignment # 5 is due*
    *Assignment #6 is given*
Class # 13: (10/18) Review, Gail Rogers, Sackler 510
Preparation for class:
   None

Assignments for this week:
   Assignment # 6 is due