



Elon's Hub for Data Competency



LOVE DATA WEEK
FEBRUARY 9-13

January 2026 News and Updates

Theme: **Who's Your Data? And The 4 Other W's of Data**

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Technology for Success

Students can't find their files? This Moodle course exposes students to File Management using OneDrive, file names and extensions, identifying file pathways and more. We encourage ALL first years to complete the Moodle course [using this link](#). FEEL FREE to include this on your Spring Syllabus. There is a [separate course Technology for Success – Designing Your Digital Life](#) for faculty, staff, and upper-class students who wish to complete the course. Once a student completes the course a certificate is generated that can be shared with a professor if desired. **We have also collaborated with Design Thinking to over a [class to cover this material](#).**

Technology Ambassadors

Wish you or your students had some out of class support with technology such as Excel, R, SAS, SPSS, Qualtrics, Python, Tableau... Data Nexus has Technology Ambassadors who hold both in-person (1st floor library) and online office hours to support all of your data technology needs. [Share this link](#) with your students or use it yourself.

Upcoming Spring Workshops and Programming – Mark Your Calendars!

For more information and signups, go to the [Data Nexus Campus Events](#) website.

The Data Connections Fair | February 9 | LaRose Student Commons Room 200 | 4:30-6:00pm

The fair will feature tables for organizations and departments to provide information to students about their focus on data. There will be tables for students to complete their Tech for Success Moodle course and hear about career opportunities as well. And of course, FOOD and GIVE AWAYS. [Sign up TODAY!](#)

Bryan Anderson '18 “Combating Misinformation”

February 10 | LaRose Student Commons 200 | 4:30-6:00pm | [Sign up Here!](#)

What did judicial officials get wrong in a disputed 2024 state Supreme Court race? How are bad actors trying to influence political discourse? And most importantly, what can be done to hold leaders accountable for misleading the public? North Carolina politics reporter Bryan Anderson will discuss real-world examples of exposing misinformation and how data can be obtained and explained to give the public reliable, accurate and contextual information.

Bio: Bryan Anderson graduated from Elon in 2018 and is currently a state politics reporter for *The Assembly* and creator of the Anderson Alerts Substack newsletter. He focuses his coverage on the General Assembly, Governor's Office and executive agencies. He previously covered elections, voting access, and state government for WRAL-TV, the Associated Press, and the Raleigh News & Observer.

Data Portfolio Workshop Series | February 12 & 17 | 4:30-5:30 | Duke 205

Interested in having your students prepare a Github Data Portfolio. This is a hands-on, 2 part, workshop where students will be asked to bring data products (homeworks, projects, research, etc) that they will create a dialog about and develop into the beginnings of a data portfolio. This workshop is best suited for students who have had at least three data-intensive designated courses. The sign up can be found [here](#).



R 101 Workshop Series (led by Dr. Laura Taylor) | **February 16, 18, & 23** | **4:30-5:30** | **Duke 205**
 Open to faculty, staff, and students. Students who attend all 3 workshops are eligible for the R 101 Programming Microcredential. [Sign up](#)



Introduction to SQL Workskop | **February 23** | **6-7pm** | [Sign up!](#)

Interested in getting started with or having your students get started with SQL? This is the workshop for you.



Introduction to SPSS Workskop (led by Dr. Sandra Darfour-Oduro) | **March 3** | **12:30 -2:10** | **Powell 213**
[Sign up for this great workshop TODAY!](#)

Music and Data Workshop Series (led by Dr. Morgan Patrick) | **March 2 & 9** | **6:00-7:00** | **Duke 205**
 Open to faculty, staff, and students. Learn how to use R to study Spotify data, no prior knowledge of R is necessary. Students who attend both workshops are eligible for the Data and the Creative Arts Microcredential. [Sign up](#)



Research Methods Community of Practice (RM CoP) in Spring 2026


To build community and exchange ideas, we're launching the RM CoP for anyone who teaches or mentors students in research methods, in any discipline or format. The RM CoP will include a mix of structured presentations and workshops, alongside ample opportunities to connect, network, and learn from one another. Together, we'll share resources and assignments, discuss pedagogy and tools, and support each other as we continue to strengthen how we teach research. Meeting times determined by participant availability, 5- or 6-times during Spring 2026. Space limited to 12 participants to keep the group engaging and interactive. If you're interested, please complete [this form](#) to share your availability and areas of focus. For questions or more information, contact Ellen Cline (ecline5@elon.edu), Jesse Akman (jakman2@elon.edu), or Jessica Navarro (jnavarro2@elon.edu).

Data Intensive Designated Courses



There are currently 64 Data Intensive Designated Courses in the Academic Catalog. A list of approved Data Intensive Designated courses can be found on Ontrack under Course Type and can also be found on the Data Nexus website under Student Resources. The Data Nexus Faculty advisory committee reviews applications every month.

Advanced Data Competency Microcredential

Students who complete 3 Data Intensive Designated Courses and 2 Data Nexus approved data intensive co-curricular experiences are eligible for the Advanced Data Competency Microcredential. For more information, click on the badge to the right 



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