



November 2025 News and Updates

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

Technology for Success 2025

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 Fall and Spring Workshops and Programming – Mark Your Calendars!

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

The Data Expedition | November 6 | Start at Moseley Center Entrance | 4:00-5:00pm

Discover data across campus by participating in our **data scavenger hunt**. We will start our event from Moseley Center but bring your walking shoes and your computer as you will be discovering data through exploration across campus. Finish includes FREE ICE CREAM & PRIZES at 5pm. [Sign up TODAY!](#)

SPSS Workshop for Students

(led by Dr. Sandra Darfour-Oduro), **November 13 | 2:00-3:00pm | Powell 213 | [Sign up Here!](#)**

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

Though many of us across disciplines who teach research methods face similar pedagogical questions and challenges, we rarely come together to discuss and explore our shared and unique experiences. 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 Portfolio Workshop | February 10 & 17, 2026 | 4:30-5:30 | Location TBA


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](#).

Data Intensive Designated Courses

[Apply](#)

There are currently 62 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 



We will be running a range of programs over the 2025-2026 to align with this theme. If you have any suggestions, we encourage you to reach out to DataNexus@elon.edu.

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