



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Time series analysis for environmental sciences - 71106*

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*HU Credits: 3*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Soil and Water Sciences*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Rehovot*

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

Data analysis of time series, with practical examples from environmental sciences.

Course/Module aims:

This course aims at giving the students a broad overview of the main steps involved in the analysis of time series: data management, data wrangling, visualization, analysis, and forecast. The course will provide a hands-on approach, where students will actively engage with real-life datasets from the field of environmental science.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Explore a time-series dataset, while formulating interesting questions.
- Choose the appropriate tools to attack the problem and answer the questions.
- Communicate their findings and the methods they used to achieve them, using graphs, statistics, text, and a well-documented code.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures in a computer classroom

Course/Module Content:

Data wrangling: organization, cleaning, merging, filling gaps, excluding outliers, smoothing, resampling.

Visualization: best practices for graph making using leading python libraries.

Analysis: stationarity, seasonality, (auto)correlations, lags, derivatives, spectral analysis.

Forecast: ARIMA

Data management: how to plan ahead and best organize large quantities of data. If there is enough time, we will build a simple time-series database.

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Required Reading:

course website

<https://yairmau.com/time-series/>

Additional Reading Material:

None

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 50 %

Additional information:

None