

BUSA 547: Data Visualization

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COURSE INFORMATION

There is **no mandatory textbook** for this course. All the material will be provided through lectures and tutorials.

Recommended Textbooks

Storytelling with Data: A Data Visualization Guide for Business Professionals by Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic (ISBN-13: 978-1119002253; ISBN-10: 1119002257)

Visual Analytics with Tableau by Alexander Loth (ISBN-13: 978-1119560203
ISBN-10: 1119560209)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this digital age, it is becoming essentials for people to understand how to leverage data and generate insights that have the power to change the world. Data Analysis, visualization and storytelling are indispensable skills for communications, engineering, managing and marketing professionals. Student will learn the fundamentals of data visualizations, cleaning and analyzing datasets using Tableau.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Detect stories within data by extracting insights using analytics and visualizations.
- Present data and insights visually to enhance audience comprehension of findings and results.
- Apply best data visualization practices to their work by choosing the right visualization parameters and techniques.
- Develop static visualizations, interactive Dashboards and data stories using Tableau.
- Be an effective data-driven visual storyteller by communicating insights about data in various formats, including oral presentations, written reports and interactive visualizations.

COB SLO-Course Objective Alignment

COB STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOS)	COURSE OUTCOMES - AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THIS COURSE, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:	MEASUREMENT METHODS (OUTCOME ASSESSMENTS)
1, 2, 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe complex business problems in terms of analytical models Understand and apply statistical concepts and methods of business analytics Develop models in excel and other analytical tools for various decision-making problems Interpret results/solutions and identify appropriate courses of action for a given problem Communicate technical information in the form of visualizations and detailed reports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dashboard and Data story Presentations Assignments

GRADING

Final Grade

At the end of this semester, if your total is between 90 and 100, you will get an A; if it's between 80 and 89, you will get a B, and so on. **Please note that the actual points will be used to calculate your final grade.** No curving will be used in this class.

Tasks	% of the final grade
Assignments	40
Dashboard	30
Data Story	30

Points	Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to use Tableau and Microsoft office tools. A 1-year student license for Tableau will be provided.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you ask me questions by emails, I will reply within 48 hours. However, I usually answer them

much faster.

If you have questions about software operations, please make sure to include the screenshots of the issues in the emails.

All assignment due dates, deadlines, and exam time are central time in the United States.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Gee Library- Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
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StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

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Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

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TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Topic	Deliverables
1	Fundamentals of Data	Assignment 1
	Data Sources	
	Data Wrangling in Excel	
	Principles of Visualization	
2	Choosing the right visualization	Assignment 2
	Visualizations in Tableau & Power BI	
	Dynamic and Interactive visualizations	
3	Dashboard Design	Assignment 3
	Data Analysis in Tableau and beyond	
	Functions, Calculated fields, and parameters	
4	Data storytelling fundamentals	Assignment 4
	Storytelling in Tableau	