

GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

GEOG 5075. Selected Problems in Geography. 1-3 Hours.

This course is designed for individual students who wish intensive supervision in their research or study of special topics in the field of Geography. Variable Credit (1-3)..

GEOG 5310. GIS Project Management. 3 Hours.

Management strategies for GIS are examined by presenting GIS as an integrated system of people, computer hardware, software, applications, and data. The course includes design of implementation plans as case studies to explore various techniques associated with each step of this process.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362.

GEOG 5311. GIS in Law Enforcement. 3 Hours.

The primary foci of this course are the application of geospatial technologies in law enforcement and national security. Course topics will include the characteristics of geospatial intelligence and crime incident data, the use of GPS imagery and the application of other geospatial technologies. Students will use methods of spatial analysis to study a variety of public safety phenomena, such as heat mapping, change detection and geographic profiling.

GEOG 5312. GIS ModelBuilder. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on theories, topics and concepts that provide students a strong understanding of ModelBuilder, a program designed to create automated routines and workflows within a GIS environment. Through the development of skills and techniques with ModelBuilder, students learn how to create, use, and share interactive models within the ArcGIS platform. They will also learn how to document models so others can use them for their own intended purposes.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5362.

GEOG 5361. Geographic Information. 3 Hours.

This course examines how geospatial data are obtained, created, edited and utilized. This includes examination of the availability and accuracy of geospatial data, geospatial portals, and the digitizing and scanning of geographic data. The creation and structure of attribute databases, and relational and object-oriented data structures also will be discussed.

GEOG 5362. GIS Principles And Application. 3 Hours.

Basic principles of geographic information systems and their application will be addressed. Structure and functionality of raster and vector based GIS, history of GIS development and evolution, management of attribute data, creation of geospatial data and applications in numerous fields will be covered as well as new developments in the field.

GEOG 5363. Internet Gis. 3 Hours.

This course introduces the principles and practices of interactive mapping and GIS data distribution across the Internet. Students will learn to develop Internet GIS applications using Arc Internet Map Server (ArcIMS).

GEOG 5364. Spatial Analysis. 3 Hours.

This course introduces the fundamental knowledge and techniques of spatial analysis. It teaches students how to effectively use various spatial data to solve real-world problems. Topics covered include spatial data structure, multiple layer operations, point pattern analysis and network analysis.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361.

GEOG 5365. Digital Image Processing. 3 Hours.

Students will develop theoretical understanding and technical proficiency in remote sensing image analysis. Students will perform image processing functions and will be exposed to all critical phases of project implementation expected of an image analyst. Extensive lab exercises are required.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361.

GEOG 5366. Cartography And Visualization. 3 Hours.

This course introduces the art, science, and techniques used in modern automated cartography and visualization. Emphasis will be placed on thematic mapping and surface rendering. Extensive computer lab exercises are required.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361.

GEOG 5367. GIS Programming. 3 Hours.

This course teaches students to use Visual Basic for Application (VBA) to develop customized GIS applications. Students will become familiar with the fundamental concepts in object-oriented programming and develop programming skills.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361.

GEOG 5368. Gis Program Use And Applications. 3 Hours.

This is an Internet-based course that requires the successful completion (as indicated by printed certificates) of ten related courses pertaining to GIS program use and applications. The courses are taken through the Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) on-line virtual campus.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362, GEOG 5364.

GEOG 5369. Internship In Gis. 3 Hours.

Students will work for either a business or government agency to obtain applied experience in the use of GIS. Students must be supervised by a member of the graduate faculty, who will determine whether the nature and amount of the work performed satisfies the requirements for graduate credit. In addition, students must be evaluated by their employer, and this information must be submitted to the Department Chair to be used in assignment of a grade for the course. Students are encouraged to maintain a journal and to present a paper recounting their internship experiences.
Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362.

GEOG 5371. Geographic Information Systems in Energy-Related Fields. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on the use and application of GIS and related geospatial technologies within a variety of energy related fields. Technological applications within pipeline routing, reservoir mapping, evaluation and visualization, and environmental assessment will serve as the primary foci. Geospatial aspects of oil and gas production and distribution will also be explored, as will GIS mapping and the management of GIS facilities.

GEOG 5373. Introduction to LiDAR & Radar. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on the concepts and applications of Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), and Radar systems. Topics include accuracy assessment and appropriate use of LiDAR, Radar, and GPS data products. Students will master the skills needed to use these data products in different applications such as topographic mapping, flood inundation studies, vegetation analysis, and 3D modeling. Course components include lectures, labs, and field work.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361 or instructor's consent.

GEOG 5374. Advanced GIS Analysis. 3 Hours.

Students will learn to systematically and effectively formulate, organize, and implement an advanced GIS analysis project. Topics include defining research problems, collecting and preparing data, designing analytical methods, and interpreting results. Students will perform geostatistical analyses and will learn how to build, modify, and streamline geoprocessing models. Credit 3

Prerequisite: GEOG 5364.

GEOG 6061. Graduate Seminar In GIS. 1-3 Hours.

This is a graduate seminar featuring results of faculty research projects, research work by graduate students, and discussions by invited speakers from government and industry who are using GIS and related technologies.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362, GEOG 5363, GEOG 5364, GEOG 5367.

GEOG 6099. Thesis II. 1-3 Hours.

The student will complete a thesis involving research and study of the applications of geographic information systems and related technologies. The work involved includes research on the approved thesis topic, preparation of a draft and a final thesis. The thesis must be at minimum of thirty pages in length and must be suitable for publication in a peer reviewed journal on the topic. Students must also make a 30 minutes Power Point presentation on the approved topic. Variable Credit (1-3).

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362, GEOG 5363, GEOG 5364, GEOG 5367, or consent of graduate supervisor.

GEOG 6398. Thesis I. 3 Hours.

The student will begin work on a thesis involving research and study of the applications of geographic information systems and related technologies.

Prerequisite: GEOG 5361, GEOG 5362, GEOG 5363, GEOG 5364, GEOG 5367.