Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Courses

GIS A101 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 3 Credits
Introduces the concepts and practical skills of geographic information systems (GIS). Covers digital representation of geographic objects, data sources, data input and manipulation, map projection and coordinate systems, data management and analysis, and mapping and presentation of geographic information.

GIS A201 Intermediate Geographic Information Systems 3 Credits
Introduces theoretical and practical examination of analytical methods used in advanced GIS. Topics include georeferencing, spatial analysis and inference, geospatial database, network analysis, and spatial modeling and visualization.

Prerequisites: GIS A101 with a minimum grade of C and (MATH A152 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A155 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A221 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A251 with a minimum grade of C).

GIS A301 Spatial Data Structures 3 Credits
Introduces fundamental concepts of geospatial data structures as well as methods and algorithms for manipulation of geospatial data. Covers geospatial vector and raster data, surfaces, and networks.

Prerequisites: GIS A201 with a minimum grade of C.

GIS A351 Remote Sensing 3 Credits
Introduces principles of image formation, electromagnetic spectrum, imaging systems, photo interpretation and image classification using image analysis software.

Prerequisites: GIS A201 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

GIS A367 Image Analysis 3 Credits
Introduces principles of digital image processing, multi-temporal image analysis, change detection and spatio-temporal geo-visualization.

Prerequisites: GIS A351 with a minimum grade of C and STAT A253 with a minimum grade of C.

GIS A370 GIS and Remote Sensing for Natural Resources 3 Credits
Introduces the principles and terminology of natural resources, landscape ecology and ecosystem management. Develops students’ analytical skills using spatial technologies consisting of geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing and global positioning systems (GPS) as tools to gain knowledge of landscape form and function.

Prerequisites: GIS A351 with a minimum grade of C.

GIS A433 Coastal Mapping 3 Credits
Introduces principles of coastal mapping, spatial reasoning and information applications to coastal mapping projects.

Prerequisites: GIS A201 with a minimum grade of C.

GIS A458 Spatial Data Management 3 Credits
Presents the geospatial database technology underlying geographic information systems. Topics include spatial data models, querying, implementation of relational and spatial operators, and system architecture for geospatial databases.

Prerequisites: GIS A201 with a minimum grade of C.

GIS A466 Spatial Analysis 3 Credits
Introduces theoretical foundation for, and practical application of, the statistical analysis of spatial data. Topics include characterization of spatial data, techniques for visualizing, exploring and modeling spatial data distributed as point patterns, continuous data, area data, and spatial interaction data.

Prerequisites: GIS A201 with a minimum grade of C and STAT A253 with a minimum grade of C.