

## **GEOG 4/581: Geographic Information Science I**

- Lecture:** Monday and Wednesday 2:00-2:50am  
204 Tykeson Hall  
Winter 2020
- Labs:** Section 1 (26311): Thursday 10:00-11:50am in 445 McKenzie Hall- SSIL  
Section 2 (22567): Thursday 12:00-1:50pm in 442 McKenzie Hall- SSIL  
Section 3 (22566): Friday 8:00-9:50am in 442 McKenzie Hall- SSIL  
Section 4 (27113): Friday 4:00-5:50pm in 445 McKenzie Hall- SSIL  
SSIL = Social Science Instructional Lab
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Office Hours: Tuesday 2-4pm in SSIL
- Textbook:** Not required, but if you are someone who learns well by reading, then it may be helpful. If you are someone who doesn't read your textbooks, it may not be worth it. No exam questions will be explicitly taken from the textbook.
- Longley, Paul A., Michael F. Goodchild, David J. Maguire, and David W. Rhind. *Geographic information systems and science*. John Wiley & Sons, 2005.
- A copy of the textbook is available on Course Reserve at the Knight Library for up to four hours. Renting the textbook on Amazon is far less expensive than buying it.
- Course Description:** This class is an introduction to concepts behind organizing, analyzing, and visually presenting geospatial information. This class addresses three major questions:
1. How can one sense and represent the variation in the world around us?
  2. How to record, recall, and analyze this information?
  3. How to communicate and discuss this information with others?
- GIScience I explores these questions through the applied use of software designed to facilitate the collection, analysis, symbolization, and communication of information

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- Graduate Students:** Graduate students taking the course for 58I credit will be graded on a different grading scale. These students are also required to do an additional 40 hours of work, per university policy. To account for this, graduate students will need to complete a book review and participate in peer-review of labs. The instructor will meet with graduate students early in the quarter to go over the additional requirements for 58I credit.
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	Date			Lectures	Readings	Labs
1	Jan 6	M	1	Introduction to GIScience I		
	Jan 8	W	2	The History & Nature of GIS	Ch 1	Lab 1
2	Jan 13	M	3	Projections & Coordinate Systems	Ch 2	
	Jan 15	W	4	Vector Data Model	Ch 4	Lab 2
3	Jan 20	M		NO LECTURE: MLK Day		
	Jan 22	W	5	Vector Operations	Ch 3	Lab 3
4	Jan 27	M	6	Selection and SQL	Ch 7	
	Jan 29	W	7	Joins & Spatial Analysis	Ch 13	Lab 4
5	Feb 3	M	8	Georeferencing & Editing	Ch 9	
	Feb 5	W	9	Review of concepts	Ch 14	Lab 5
6	Feb 10	M		<b>Test 1</b>		
	Feb 12	W	10	Raster Data Models	Ch 11	Lab 6
7	Feb 17	M	11	Raster Analysis	TBD	Lab 6
	Feb 19	W	12	Data Acquisition	Ch 8	(cont)
8	Feb 24	M	13	Spatial Modeling	Ch 15	
	Feb 26	W	15	Cartography & Geovisualization	Ch 11 & 12	Lab 7
9	Mar 2	M	16	Cartography & Geovisualization	TBD	Lab 7
	Mar 4	W	17	TBD		(con't)
10	Mar 9	M	18	Guest Lecture: Riley Moore		
	Mar 11	W	19	Review of concepts		
Finals Week				<b>Test 2: Thursday of Finals week March 19 @ 2:45</b>		