

A great companion book for this course, and any course in ArcGIS, is the excellent *Getting to Know ArcGIS: Fourth Edition* ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0130107655), [Barnes and Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/?w=isbn=0130107655&usq=__), and often orderable locally). It's **not** required for this course, but in case any of you have it, or want some extra practice, we'll occasionally post a resource detailing which chapters of the book provide practice in the topics we've been covering. You should have access to the practice exercises/labs in this course too, but together they will give you much more practice. If you are taking the course for credit, make sure to do the exercises provided directly by us first, because they will set you up better for the final project, but *Getting to Know ArcGIS* can round out your knowledge.

Get a better understanding of the suite

For this week, if you want to start by getting a better understanding in GIS in general, or need an alternative explanation to topics in this course, read chapters 1 and 2.

Practice working with basic data

If you want extra practice loading and viewing data, try chapter 3. Chapter 4 could also be helpful, but would be advanced for you given what we've covered so far. It's best to save it for the next module, unless you want to get ahead.