**Advanced Programming for GIS and Remote Sensing**

**GIS 4091\5091— Spring 2021**

**Class Time: 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Location: Des Peres Hall 204**

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**Prerequisites: GIS 4090 or GIS 5090: Introduction to Programming for GIS and Remote Sensing**

**Course Description (from Catalogue):**

Through this course, students will learn how to publish, consume, and analyze web services using Python, Javascript, and HTML. They will be introduced to more powerful, more advanced Python libraries such as [Pandas](https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/03.00-introduction-to-pandas.html), [Numpy](https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/02.00-introduction-to-numpy.html), and [ArcGIS](https://developers.arcgis.com/python/) in addition to learning advanced geographic data visualization techniques that leverage Python, Javascript, and web APIs. They will also learn how to use the [Javascript](https://developers.arcgis.com/javascript/3/) to create their first stand-alone web applications. Topics will include using GitHub to host web applications, using Javascript and HTML to create web applications, and using Python for spatial data science. This class builds on what students learned in [GIS 4090](https://github.com/gbrunner/Python_for_GIS_and_RS)\5090 and helps them develop knowledge and skills that they will use throughout their careers.

**Course Objectives:**

* Students will develop programming skills that are beyond the fundamentals of Introduction to Programming for GIS and remote sensing learned through GIS 4090\5090.
* Students will learn how to work with geographic web services, including, but not limited to automating publishing web services, consuming web services, and performing analysis directly on geographic web services.
* Students will learn modern data science methods and tools that can be used to augment their research in geography and remote sensing.
* Students will begin implementing it in their own research projects such as theses and capstones.

**Materials:**

Course Materials will be shared using Blackboard. Slides, labs, and homework are in the folders that correspond to the specific units covered in class.

**Learning Assessment:**

* Learning objectives will be assessed through homework assignments and a series of projects, each of which will focus on a different aspect of programming and its applications to GIS and remote sensing.
* Understanding of web development, Javascript, and HTML will be assessed through a project where students will develop a web application that consumes or uses geographic web services (Project 1).
* Students understanding of working with geographic web services will be assessed by completing a project where they automate the creation and analysis of web services (Project 2)
* Understanding of advanced analytical techniques and data science techniques will be assessed by a project where student will leverage techniques to perform spatial statistics or analysis (Project 3)
* Understanding of how geographic web services, advanced analytical techniques, and web development will be assessed through a student defined Final Project that will be presented to the class.

**Texts:**

(Required) [Rene Rubalcava. Introducing ArcGIS API 4 for Javascript.](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/148423281X/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i1) ISBN: 978-1484232811. (required) $34.99.

(Required) [Jake VanderPlas. Python Data Science Handbook: Essential Tools for Working with Data](https://www.amazon.com/_/dp/1491912057?tag=oreilly20-20). ISBN: 978-1491912058. (required). $28.12.

(Optional) [Mastering Geospatial Analysis with Python](https://www.packtpub.com/application-development/mastering-geospatial-analysis-python). Crickard et al. 2018. (optional) $29.99.

**Grading:**

1. 25% - Weekly Assignments
2. 25% - Project 1: Web Application Project
3. 25% - Project 2: Pandas\Numpy Project
4. 25% - Project 4: Student Defined Final Project

**Feedback and Assessment**

In order to ensure that students are on track to achieve the course objectives, students will have weekly coding assignments. The coding assignments will be graded and returned before the next online lecture, where the solutions will be reviewed, and questions will be addressed. Feedback on respective assignments will also be given to each student through Blackboard. Weekly assignment will become the foundation for student projects which will serve as the benchmarks for whether students understand how to use programming to solve GIS and remote sensing problems. There will be 3 projects over the course of the semester. Project one will assess whether students understand how to build and host web applications that contain maps and spatial data. Project two will instruct students on writing advanced imagery analysis algorithms and data science techniques. Project three will assess whether students understand the entire lifecycle of spatial data analysis, from data discovery and analysis to data sharing via a web application. For projects one and three, discussion with classmates and me is encouraged as each student has the opportunity to shape his or her own project and goals. The instructor will make himself available for virtual office hours weekly on Mondays from 4 to 5 PM using Zoom. If you have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to meet with me during office hours, send me an email, or schedule an ad-hoc meeting with me outside of our regular meetings or office hours. For week 1 of class, please post your name, discipline of study, and academic interests in the Introductions discussion channel in Blackboard. If you ever need to talk, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

[**Github**](https://github.com/)

Almost all developers use Github for versioning and sharing their code and if they are not using Github, they are using SVN, GitLab, or something similar. In order to familiarize yourselves with Github, I would like every student to create an account on Github and to use it for submitting and sharing Project1, Project 2, and their final project. I will walk you through checking in Project 1 prior to its due date. You are not expected to become experts with Github, but it is a skill that I want to make sure everyone is familiar with before the end of the semester.

**Grading Scale:**

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| **Grade** | **Points** | **0-100% scale** |
| A | 4.0 | 93-100% |
| A- | 3.7 | 90-92.9% |
| B+ | 3.3 | 87-89.9% |
| B | 3.0 | 83-86.9% |
| B- | 2.7 | 80-82.9% |
| C+ | 2.3 | 77-79.9% |
| C | 2.0 | 73-76.9% |
| C- | 1.7 | 70-72.9% |
| D | 1.0 | 60-69.9% |
| F | 0.0 | 0-59.9% |
| FQ | 0.0 | Failed due to quit |

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week** | **Class**  **Date** | **Discussion & Readings** |
| Web Mapping with Leaflet and Github | | |
| 1 | 2/3 | Learning Leaflet. Creating your first Javascript and HTML based mapping application.  **Homework #1 Problems Assigned** |
| Creating GIS Application with the ArcGIS Javascript API | | |
| 2 | 2/10 | Learning the ArcGIS Javascript API  **Homework #2 Problems Assigned**  **Project #1 Assigned** |
| GIS Web Applications and 3D Scenes | | |
| 3 | 2/24 | Working with web maps and 3D scenes.  **Homework #3 Problems Assigned** |
| Popups and Widgets | | |
| 4 | 3/3 | Creating Popups and working with Widgets  **Homework #4 Problems Assigned** |
| Student HTML\JS App Presentations | | |
| 5 | 3/10 | **Project #1 Due**  **Remote Class - Students to present maps\apps**  **Homework #5 – Hello, Notebook!; ArcGIS Notebooks: Terminology, Components, and Shortcuts; ArcGIS Notebooks, Runtimes, and Environments.** |
| Back to Python – Notebooks, Conda, and PIP | | |
| 6 | 3/17 | *Jupyter Notebooks*  *ArcGIS Notebooks*  *Conda and pip*  **Homework #5 Assigned** |
| ArcGIS API for Python – Mapping, Analysis, and Data Visualization | | |
| 7 | 3/24 | **Homework #6 Assigned** |
| Numpy and Image Analysis | | |
| 8 | 3/31 | [**Chapter 2 of Python Data Science Handbook**](https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/02.00-introduction-to-numpy.html)  **Homework #7 Assigned, Project #2 Assigned** |
| Pandas and Data Science | | |
| 9 | 4/7 | [**Chapter 3 of Python Data Science Handbook**](https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/03.00-introduction-to-pandas.html) |
| Agile and Web Development Project Management | | |
| 10 | 4/14 | Guest Lecture by Lana Tylka of Esri on Agile Development and Project Management |
| Spatial Data Frames and Data Visualization | | |
| 11 | 4/21 | **Project 2 Due**  **Homework #8 Assigned** |
| Imagery Across ArcGIS – Rasters and Image Services | | |
| 12 | 4/28 | Images vs. Image Services  **Homework #9 Assigned** |
| GeoEnrichment and Demographics | | |
| 13 | 5/5 | What is GeoEnrichment?  **Homework #10 Assigned** |
| Students Present Final Projects | | |
| 14 | 5/12 | **Project 3 Due, Student Presentations** |
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## **Title IX**

Saint Louis University and its faculty are committed to supporting our students and seeking an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you have encountered any form of sexual misconduct (e.g. sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic or dating violence), we encourage you to report this to the University. If you speak with a faculty member about an incident of misconduct, that faculty member must notify SLU’s Title IX coordinator, Anna R. Kratky (DuBourg Hall, room 36;[akratky@slu.edu](mailto:akratky@slu.edu); [314-977-3886](tel:314-977-3886)) and share the basic facts of your experience with her. The Title IX coordinator will then be available to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you with all possible resources on and off campus.

If you wish to speak with a confidential source, you may contact the counselors at the University Counseling Center at 314-977-TALK. To view SLU’s sexual misconduct policy and for resources, please visit the following web addresses: [www.slu.edu/here4you](http://www.slu.edu/here4you) and <https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel>.

## **Disability Services**

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations must contact Disability Services to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Once successfully registered, the student also must notify the course instructor that they wish to access accommodations in the course.

Please contact Disability Services, located within the Student Success Center, at [Disability\_services@slu.edu](mailto:Disability_services@slu.edu) or [314.977.3484](tel:314.977.3484) to schedule an appointment. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries. Once approved, information about the student’s eligibility for academic accommodations will be shared with course instructors via email from Disability Services and viewed within Banner via the instructor’s course roster.

Note: Students who do not have a documented disability but who think they may have one are encouraged to contact to Disability Services.

## **Academic Integrity**

*Academic integrity is honest, truthful and responsible conduct in all academic endeavors.* The mission of Saint Louis University is "the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity."  Accordingly, all acts of falsehood demean and compromise the corporate endeavors of teaching, research, health care, and community service via which SLU embodies its mission. The University strives to prepare students for lives of personal and professional integrity, and therefore regards all breaches of academic integrity as matters of serious concern.

The governing University-level Academic Integrity Policy was adopted in Spring 2015, and can be accessed on the Provost's Office website at: <https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy_academic-integrity_6-26-2015.pdf>.

Additionally, each SLU College, School, and Center has adopted its own academic integrity policies, available on their respective websites.  All SLU students are expected to know and abide by these policies, which detail definitions of violations, processes for reporting violations, sanctions, and appeals.  Please direct questions about any facet of academic integrity to your faculty, the chair of the department of your academic program, or the Dean/Director of the College, School or Center in which your program is housed.

## **Student Success Center**

In recognition that people learn in a variety of ways and that learning is influenced by multiple factors (e.g., prior experience, study skills, learning disability), resources to support student success are available on campus. The Student Success Center assists students with academic-related services and is located in the Busch Student Center (Suite, 331). Students can visit <https://www.slu.edu/life-at-slu/student-success-center/> to learn more about tutoring services, university writing services, disability services, and academic coaching.

## **University Writing Services**

Students are encouraged to take advantage of University Writing Services in the Student Success Center; getting feedback benefits writers at all skill levels. Trained writing consultants can help with writing projects, multimedia projects, and oral presentations. University Writing Services offers one-on-one consultations that address everything from brainstorming and developing ideas to crafting strong sentences and documenting sources. For more information, visit <https://www.slu.edu/life-at-slu/student-success-center/> or call the Student Success Center at 314-977-3484.

**Expectations (Basis of Participation & Commitment Score):**

* Attend *every* class; there is no room for random absences because each lecture builds on previous work. Attendance for the entire class period will form part of your class participation grade. Notify me if you anticipate missing class.
* Be on time. Punctuality will form part of your class participation grade.
* You are responsible for any missed material or changes in assignments, meeting times/dates, or due dates announced in class.
* Read assigned materials *before* class. This, as evidenced by the quality of your participation in class, will form the majority of your class participation grade.
* Be committed to the class discussions and exercises. Contribute to a collegial environment of the learning group.
* Simply talking does not equal participation. Participation can be silent as in active listening. Points raised should actively help move the conversation toward productive ends. If the ideas being discussed are banal or tiresome, actively steer the conversation.
* Submit all assignments at the *beginning* of class on the date due. Late work affects your grade.
* To maintain the learning environment, web browsing, texting, or other non-academic activity on electronic devices will not be allowed in class.
* Let the class know at the beginning if you anticipate an event (e.g., emergency phone call, appointment) that will disrupt the group.

**Professional Writing & Presentations:**

* All work is expected to be polished and professional. Clarity of expression, organization of materials, absence of typographical errors, correctness of grammar and spelling, and other communication skills are considered in evaluating assignments.
* Additionally, all work must be fully referenced with source material following proper citation format according the American Psychological Association or the Chicago Manual of Style.
* Oral presentations are expected to be well organized, practiced, professional, and with appropriate graphical or visual aids.

**A Note on Plagiarism and Academic Honesty**

The University is a community of learning, whose effectiveness requires an environment of mutual trust and integrity. As members of this community, students share with faculty and administrators the responsibility to maintain this environment of academic integrity. Academic integrity is violated by any dishonesty in submitting for academic evaluation the assignments and tests required to validate the student's learning.

Where there is clear indication of such dishonesty, the faculty and/or administration have the responsibility of applying sanctions in order to protect the environment of integrity necessary for learning. While not all forms of academic dishonesty can be listed here, the following instances should be seen as actions that not only violate the mutual trust necessary between faculty and students, but also undermine the validity of the university's grading of students, and take unfair advantage of fellow students.

It is academically dishonest to solicit, receive or provide any unauthorized assistance in the completion of assignments and tests submitted for credit as part of a course. Examples of such unauthorized, and therefore academically dishonest assistance would be:

1. Copying from another student's test paper, lab report or assignment, or allowing another student to copy from one's self;
2. Copying from a textbook or class notes during a closed-book exam;
3. Submitting material authored by another person but represented as the student's own work;
4. Submitting as one's own work/material without permission of the instructor that has been subjected to editorial revision;
5. Copying a passage of text directly from a book or journal without indicating the source or without using a recognized style for citing sources;
6. Taking a test or writing a paper for another student;
7. Taking a course for another student or securing another student to take a course for oneself;
8. Securing or supplying in advance a copy of an exam without the knowledge or consent of the instructor.

Any violation of academic integrity should be handled using the following procedure:

1. The instructor should discuss the integrity issue with the student. If the instructor believes that there is a violation of academic integrity, then he/she should contact the Director of the Center for Sustainability.
2. The Director will interview both parties individually or together, documenting the situation. If the Director determines that there was a violation of academic integrity, then he/she will work with the instructor to determine appropriate sanctions. An official letter will be sent to the student and a copy will be placed in the student's file. A form letter will be used, but also will include the specifics of the situation and consequences.
3. A student may appeal the decision of the Director in writing to the Vice President for Graduate Education. The Vice President for Graduate Education, in collaboration with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, will investigate all aspects of the appeal and interview all the necessary parties individually or together, keeping records of the investigation for the student's file. The findings and sanctions imposed by the VP for Graduate Education and the VP for Academic Affairs for the individual violation shall be final.

If a student receives two violations of academic integrity while a student, then a committee consisting of the Department Chair, VP for Graduate Education and the VP for Academic Affairs will convene to review the case. A hearing will be held with the committee and the student. The committee and student may invite witnesses to the hearing as necessary. The student may bring a personal advisor, not an attorney, to the hearing as well. After the hearing, the student will be notified in one week of the decision of the committee. The findings and sanctions imposed by the committee shall be final.