

CEE 668 GIS Applications in Civil Engineering

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Learning Outcomes for the Course:

- Define GIS and describe its applications in general and in Civil Engineering;
- Describe various hardware and software tools used in GIS analysis;
- Explain data models and their utilities (Vector, Raster, TIN, etc.);
- Describe various sources of spatial data (Maps, GPS, Archives, etc.);
- Show understanding of map projections and coordinate systems in GIS;
- Describe tabular and spatial databases and their utilities;
- Use GIS to create, process, and visualize maps;
- Create and describe various feature types (point, arc, polygon) and how to use them;
- Perform spatial and raster analysis (buffers, overlays, joins, classification, etc.);
- Perform spatial estimation (Interpolation, Zonal statistics, etc.);
- Show basic knowledge of advances in GIS technology (Visualization, Space-time integration, GPS integration etc.);
- Complete a GIS term project.

Required and/or Recommended Books:

Required:

GIS Fundamentals, 4th Edition, by Paul Bolstad

Atlas Books. ISBN: 978-0-9717647-3-6

Library and Information Resources:

Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is Sue Wainscott. (https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students' access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at <https://www.library.unlv.edu>.

In Class and Out of Class Assignments:

Homework/Quiz	Due Date
HW-1	September 5
HW-2	September 12
HW-3	September 19
HW-4	September 26
HW-5	October 3
Midterm Exam	October 10
HW-6	October 17
HW-7	October 24
Project Proposal	October 31
HW-8	November 7
Midterm Exam 2	November 12
HW-9	November 19
Draft Report	November 21
Project Presentations	December 3 and 5
Final Report	December 6

Relative Weight of Assignments:

Lecture:

Midterm Exam 1	20%
Midterm Exam 2	20%
Term Project	25%
Quizzes	5%
Lab/Homework	30%
Missing any lab/homework gets Fail (F) on final overall grade	
Total	100 %

Lab:

Overall Report	5%
Summary	5%
Introduction and Objectives	15%
Study Area and Data	15%
Methods and Tools	20%
Results, Discussion, and Errors	25%
Conclusions and Recommendations	10%
References	5%
Total	100%

Exam: None

Policies:

Academic Misconduct—Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution.

An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the *Student Academic Misconduct Policy* (approved December 9, 2005) located at: <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct>.

Copyright—The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves **with** and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. **You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The university will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws.** Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright>.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)—The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, <http://drc.unlv.edu>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy—Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor **within the first 14 calendar days of the course for fall and spring courses (excepting modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for summer and modular courses**, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit: <http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531>.

Transparency in Learning and Teaching—The University encourages application of the transparency method of constructing assignments for student success. Please see these two links

for further information:

<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/teachingandlearning>

<https://www.unlv.edu/provost/transparency>

Incomplete Grades—The grade of I—Incomplete—can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student’s control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

Tutoring and Coaching—The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, visit <http://www.unlv.edu/asc> or call [702-895-3177](tel:702-895-3177). The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of the SSC (ASC Coaching Spot). Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library and College of Engineering TEB second floor.

UNLV Writing Center—One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 702-895-3908. The student’s Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: <http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/>.

Rebelmail—By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students’ Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV’s official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students’ e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always @unlv.nevada.edu. **Emailing within WebCampus is acceptable.**

Final Examinations—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

Other Class Specific Information:

- Except for special circumstances, cell phones must be turned off and put away during class.
- No food or drink is to be brought into the classroom if it will cause a distraction.
- Behavior towards fellow students and the instructor must be respectful at all times.
- Students are expected to attend all lectures. Material presented in lecture may not always be found in the textbook or on the course website. Students are responsible for knowing material covered in class as well as the material found in the assigned readings.
- Please inform the instructor prior to missing class in order to make any necessary arrangements. In the event that you miss class, you should obtain class notes, handouts, and deadlines from a classmate.
- Excused absences include official university activities, valid medical conditions, and observance of religious holidays. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the end of the first two weeks of classes (January 29, 2014) of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays that do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess.