

Florida International University, Department of Earth and Environment

**GIS and Spatial Analysis for Earth Scientists (3)**

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MW 5:00 – 6:15

GISRSAL Lab, GL 274

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**Course Syllabus**

The material below contains important information for this course. Please read this material and retain this document for future reference.

**Course Description:**

Spatial analysis is a set of techniques for analyzing patterns of and interrelationships between map data. The field of spatial analysis has seen much growth in recent years with the introduction of inexpensive and easy to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS). While many users employ GIS only for building spatial databases and displaying maps, GIS are powerful tools for performing spatial analysis. This course will introduce advanced undergraduates and graduate students to techniques for using GIS technology to solve problems in the earth and environmental sciences. Emphasis in this course will be on applying raster analysis techniques.

The course will be comprised of lectures and computer exercises. Computer instruction will utilize the GIS laboratory in the FIU Library. Course will be composed of 1) Review of GIS concepts and data models; 2) concepts of spatial statistics; 3) methods of spatial analysis including density mapping, buffer zone analysis, surface estimation, geostatistics, map algebra, and suitability modeling.

**Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:**

Students completing this course will have a strong understanding of the theory of and the basic functions used in GIS raster analysis and modeling. Students will have a functional understanding of the Spatial Analyst and Geostatistical Analyst extensions for ArcGIS 10.

**Software:**

Most examples and exercises will utilize ESRI's ArcGIS V.10 with the Spatial Analyst, Geostatistical Analyst and 3-D Analyst extensions. ArcGIS must have these extensions installed in order for you to do the exercises in this course.

- Students may obtain 1-year ArcGIS licenses free of charge.  
Go to <http://gis.fiu.edu/services/software-licenses/> and select *Software Licenses for Students* and follow the instructions.

Additional numerical analysis will use Microsoft Excel.

**Prerequisites and Recommended Background:**

An introductory GIS course (*GIS 5050 or equivalent*) or previous experience with ArcMap is strongly recommended. It is **required** that students without previous experience with ArcMap purchase an introductory textbook such as *Mastering ARCGIS* (the text used for GIS 5050) or *Getting to Know ArcGIS Desktop* and do the exercises during the first 2 weeks of the course.

Basic analytic geometry, trigonometry, and statistics is recommended. Competence with personal computers and application software is essential.

**Grading:**

Course grade will be based on attendance and class participation (15%), exercises (50%), a Midterm Exam (15%), and a Final Exam (20%). Exams will be closed book and will test your understanding of concepts covered in class and basic skill in applying the functions explored in the exercises.

**Reading:**

1. M. J. de Smith, M.F. Goodchild, and P. A. Longley, *Geospatial Analysis, A Comprehensive Guide to Principles, Techniques and Software Tools, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, Matador (an imprint of Troubador Publishing Ltd), 2009.
  - Available free online at [www.spatialanalysisonline.com](http://www.spatialanalysisonline.com). Pdf, Kindle, and hardcopy versions may also be purchased from the publisher (students can receive a discount)
2. K. Krivoruchko, *Spatial Statistical Data Analysis for GIS Users*, (book on DVD with exercises), ESRI Press, 2011, ISBN: 9781589481619
  - available from ESRI Press (\$39), <http://esripress.esri.com/display/index.cfm>
3. A. Mitchell, *The ESRI Guide to GIS Analysis, Volume 2: Spatial Measurements & Statistics*, ESRI Press, 2005, ISBN: 9781589481169
  - available from ESRI Press (\$35), <http://esripress.esri.com/display/index.cfm>

The books below are ArcGIS V9 Workbooks for the Spatial Analysis and Geostatistical Analyst Extensions. PDF versions of these books are available on the GIS Lab Public server in folder:

**P: /ArcGIS9 Manuals/ESRI\_Library/ArcGIS\_Extensions/**

4. *Using ArcGIS<sup>TM</sup> Spatial Analyst*, J. McCoy and K. Johnston, ESRI Press, ISBN: 1-58948-105-4, 233 pages, ESRI 2004.
5. *Using ArcGIS<sup>TM</sup> Geostatistical Analyst*, K. Johnston, J.M. Ver Hoef, K. Krivoruchko, and N. Lucas, ESRI Press, ISBN: 1-58948-106-2, 300 pages, ESRI 2004.

This material may also be viewed online in the ArcGIS V10 context with the tutorial exercises at:

<http://help.arcgis.com/en/arcgisdesktop/10.0/help/index.html>

Select the extensions tab

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### Course Outline and Reading Assignments (*Tentative*):

Week 1:	Organization. GIS Lab orientation. Maps as models. GIS data types, and structures. Vector and raster data models
Reading:	<b>de Smith et.al:</b> Ch 1-2; <b>Krivoruchko:</b> Ch 1, <b>Mitchell:</b> Ch 1
Week 2	What is spatial analysis? Modeling of spatial data. Review of raster analysis functions. Working with Raster Data Models; The ESRI Grid model
Reading:	<b>de Smith et.al:</b> Ch 3; <b>McCoy &amp; Johnston,</b> Ch 1 – 3, 6;
Exercise 1:	Getting Started with ArcGIS Spatial Analyst
Week 3	Resampling, transforming, and registering Grids Geometric Transformations of Grids
Reading :	<b>McCoy &amp; Johnston,</b> Ch 4 - 5
Exercise 2:	Grid Import, Resampling, and Registration, Using the Raster Calculator
Week 4:	Vector to raster; point and lines to areas.
Reading:	<b>McCoy &amp; Johnston,</b> Ch 7
Exercise 3:	Vector to raster transformations. Fractal dimension of a coastline.
Week 5 & 6:	Point and line distributions. Measurements of spatial form. Randomness, clustering, regularity and anisotropy.
Reading:	<b>de Smith et.al:</b> Chs 4.34, 5.1-5.4; <b>Krivoruchko:</b> Ch 13; <b>Mitchell,</b> Ch 3 and 4
Exercise 4:	Density maps, buffer maps, point to area conversions. Analysis of point clusters.
Week 7:	Midterm Quiz

Week 8: Estimating surfaces; the art of computer interpolation gridding, and interpolation. TIN, IDW, trend surfaces, kriging.  
 Reading: **de Smith et.al:** Ch 6.6; **Krivoruchko:** Ch 7.; **Johnston et al.,** Ch 3, 5, 6; **McCoy & Johnston,** Ch 7  
 Exercise 5: Modeling of Surfaces I: Deterministic Methods-IDW, Splines, TIN

Week 9 & 10: Optimal estimation of surfaces, geostatics, kriging.  
 Reading: **de Smith et.al:** Ch 6.7; **Krivoruchko:** Ch 8 &9; **Johnston et al.,** Ch 3, 5, 6; **McCoy & Johnston,** Ch 7  
 Exercise 6: Modeling of Surfaces II: Variograms, Geostatistics and Kriging

Week 11: Univariate analysis of surfaces and raster maps. Reclassification, filtering and image processing. Local, zonal, and focal functions.  
 Reading: **de Smith et.al:** Ch 4.6; **McCoy & Johnston,** Ch 7

Week 12: Analysis of map pairs. Spatial association analysis. Cross area tabulation.  
 Reading: **Michell:** Ch 5  
 Exercise 7: Two map association with cross tabulation

Week 13: Analysis of two or more coincident maps. Map algebra. Cluster analysis. Regression Modeling; Inter-map relationships.  
 Reading: **de Smith et. al:** Ch 5.6; **Michell:** Ch 5; **McCoy & Johnston,** Ch 7, App 1  
 Exercise/Demo: Spatial regression models

Week 14 & 15 Suitability modeling.  
 Reading: **McCoy & Johnston,** Ch 1-3 (again!); ESRI Documentation  
 Exercise 8: Suitability and Hazard Modeling

Finals Week: Final Exam