



**Autumn 2023**

# **GEOG 5212 Geospatial Databases for GIS**

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## **Course Information**

- **Course times and location:**
  - Lecture: Weekly Online Asynchronous
  - Lab: **Thursdays, 12:45 PM – 2:05 PM**, Derby Hall 0135
- **Credit hours:** 3.0
- **Mode of delivery:** Hybrid

## **Instructor**

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- **Office hours:**
  - Tue 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (in-person) or
  - Zoom by appointment (send me an email for setting zoom meeting)
- **Preferred means of communication:**
  - My preferred method of communication for questions is **email**. Please have the email subject as “**Geog5212\_.....**”, to make sure it gets my attention.
  - My class-wide communications will be sent through the Announcements tool in CarmenCanvas. Please check your [notification preferences](https://go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) (go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) to be sure you receive these messages.

## **Teaching Assistant**

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- **Office hours:** Thu 11:30 am – 12:30 pm or via Zoom by appointment (send me an email for setting zoom meeting).



## Course Prerequisites

GEOG 5210 and CSE 1114, or consent of instructor.

## Course Description

This course focuses on **designing, implementing, querying, and managing geospatial databases** or persistent data stores where most entities have footprints in geographic space and time. This is critical for designing and implementing GIS for projects and organizations. It is also crucial for moving beyond GIS to the bigger world of geographic information services.

In designing any GIS project, a fundamental decision is how to represent the world of interest in the computer. This is critical since no GIS or spatial analysis tools – no matter how powerful – can extract more information than is designed in the database representation. The growing size of geospatial databases requires these databases to support efficient querying and searching. A well-designed spatial database can also evolve as the questions in the project or organization change over time. A poorly designed spatial database is difficult to rewind and fix.

Understanding spatial database design and management is not only essential for designing and implementing GIS, but also to support a much wider range of geographic information services such as Google Maps and location-based services such as the location apps on your smartphone. This is a much bigger market than the market for professional GIS service.

Database technologies. The most common spatial database management system (SDBMS) technology is a specialized object-relational database management system (ORDBMS). An ORDBMS supports objects within a relational (table-based) database and its associated query language, Structured Query Language (SQL). An ORDBMS is a SDBMS if it also supports spatial objects through spatial indexing and spatial (geometric) operations.

ORDBMS with spatial objects is the approach used by ESRI's Geodatabase as well as open-source software such as PostGreSQL/PostGIS. It is also supported by other major vendors such as IBM.

In this course, we will be working with ESRI's ArcGIS Geodatabase and PostGreSQL/PostGIS. There will be a series of assignments using these technologies. These will be provided via the course website and discussed in lectures.

Your lectures are **online asynchronous** & labs will be **in person** in Derby Hall 0135. **There are two separate canvas pages** dedicated to lecture and lab content, for this course. **You must have access to both.**

**Important:** Do not expect to complete entire lab assignments during the scheduled lab time. Lab sessions are 80 minutes, and it usually takes longer than 80 minutes to complete a lab. Therefore, you will need to either 1) finish the lab using software installed on your own computer or 2) return to the computer lab when it is not being used for other classes.



## Credit Hours and Work Expectations

This is a 3 credit-hour course. According to [Ohio State bylaws on instruction](https://go.osu.edu/credit-hours) (go.osu.edu/credit hours), students should expect around 3 hours per week spent on direct instruction (instructor content and Carmen activities, for example) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of C average.

## Alternative to in-person class instructions

**Should in-person classes be canceled** (due to any reason such as extreme weather, sickness etc.), I will notify you as to which alternative methods (**remote teaching, recorded video or homework assignment**) of teaching will be offered to ensure continuity of instruction for this class. Communication will be via Carmen Canvas.

## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should successfully be able to:

- Understand database design with spatial objects.
- Write spatial queries.
- Understand physical data storage and performance tuning.
- Understand spatio-temporal and moving objects data.
- Have practical GIS data skills.

## Mode of delivery

Your **lectures will be online**, and your **labs (recitations) will be in person** in Derby Hall 0135. There are two separate canvas pages dedicated to lecture and lab content, for this course. You must have access to both.

### Lectures:

- Please note that **lectures in this course are asynchronous**, meaning that *there are no required sessions when you must be logged in to Carmen at a scheduled time*. Lectures are pre-recorded, and you will be provided with a link to each lecture's video on Carmen Canvas lecture page, which you can view anytime during the week that the lecture is assigned.

### Labs:

- Please note that **in-person attendance at labs is strongly recommended**. However, if you are unable to attend due to COVID-19 or some other reasons, please let the lab TA know as soon as possible and we will make special arrangements as per lab policies. All lab related material will be available on canvas lab page.
- Attendance in labs meetings have assigned point weightage towards the final grade as extra credits. Contact your lab TA for detail lab policies.



# Course Materials and Technologies

## Required Materials and/or Technologies

**Textbook:** No specific textbook is required for this course.

Excerpts from the following texts will be provided in digital (PDF) format:

- **B:** Bolstad, P. (2019). *GIS Fundamentals*, 6th edition.
- **CM:** Coronel, C. & Morris, S. (2016). *Database Systems: Design, Implementation, and Management*, 12th edition.
- **EN:** Elmasri, R. & Navathe, S. (2016). *Fundamentals of Database Systems*, 7th edition.
- **N:** Nasser, H. (2014). *Learning ArcGIS Geodatabases*.
- **OH:** Obe, R. & Hsu, L. (2015). *PostGIS in Action*, 2nd edition.
- **R+:** Rigaux, P., Scholl, M., & Voisard, A. (2002). *Spatial Databases with Application to GIS*.
- **RG:** Ramakrishnan, R. & Gehrke, J. (1999) *Database Management Systems*, 2nd edition.
- **SC:** Shekhar, S. & Chawla, S. (2003) *Spatial Databases: A Tour*.
- **WD:** Worboys, M. & Duckham, M. (2004) *GIS: A Computing Perspective*, 2nd edition.
- **Z:** Zeiler, M. (2010) *Modeling Our World: The ESRI Guide to Geodatabase Concepts*, 2nd edition.

**Data Storage:** A portable memory device (with 16GB or larger) or access to cloud drive (Box, OneDrive, Dropbox etc.) is needed for data storage.

## Required Equipment

**Computer:** current Mac (MacOS) or PC (Windows 10) with high-speed internet connection

**Webcam:** built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested

**Microphone:** built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone

**Other:** a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) to use for BuckeyePass authentication

If you do not have access to the technology you need to succeed in this class, review options for technology and internet access at [go.osu.edu/student-tech-access](https://go.osu.edu/student-tech-access).

## Required Software

### ArcGIS Pro

- Please refer to associated installation documents on Carmen for details ([Getting Started with ArcGIS Pro](#)). Privacy policies of Esri products can be found [here](#). System requirements of the ArcGIS Pro can be found [here](#).



### ArcGIS Online

- Please refer to associated installation documents on Carmen for details ([Getting Started with ArcGIS Online](#)). Privacy policies of Esri products can be found [here](#). There is no specific system requirement for ArcGIS Online and you can use it if you have a web browser.

### Microsoft Office 365

- All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus through Microsoft's Student Advantage program. Each student can install Office on five PCs or Macs, five tablets (Windows, iPad®, and Android™), and five phones.
- Office 365 is installed within the student's BuckeyeMail account. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found [here](#).

### QGIS

- This is the leading open source desktop GIS software that is available free-of-cost. You can download the software from here: <https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>.
- Q: What version of QGIS should I have? A: I recommend the "Long term release repository (most stable)" and "QGIS Standalone Installer". Specifically, I'll be using version 3.16 this semester. Other versions should work just fine, but you may notice differences between the lab instructions and what you see on your screen.
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT: Successful download and installation of QGIS is ultimately the student's responsibility. You may contact your instructor/TA with installation-related questions, but we cannot guarantee that we'll be able to resolve all issues.

### PostgreSQL, PostGIS, and pgAdmin

- PostgreSQL, also known as Postgres, is a free and open-source relational database management system emphasizing extensibility and SQL compliance. PostGIS is an open source software program that adds support for geographic objects to the PostgreSQL object-relational database. pgAdmin is a management tool for PostgreSQL.
- You can download the installer for PostgreSQL from this site: <https://www.postgresql.org/download>. ▪ The installation of PostgreSQL includes pgAdmin, and it is during the final step of installing PostgreSQL that you have the option to install additional packages as well. You want to do this, because this is when you'll have the opportunity to select PostGIS, which will then be installed.
- Additionally, remember to record the passwords that you create during the installation process. You'll need this information.
- TECHNICAL SUPPORT: Successful download and installation of PostgreSQL, PostGIS, and pgAdmin is ultimately the student's responsibility. You may contact your instructor/TA with installation-related questions, but we cannot guarantee that we'll be able to resolve all issues.



## Have Question regarding software installation?

- **Post your questions in the Software Installation Q&A discussion board BEFORE reaching out to the other technical support resources provided.**
- There are many installation-related questions that we can answer because they are common. We may have heard them in past semesters and already know how to respond. However, if we are unable to help, we'll let you know that, and we'll confirm which technical support contact is most appropriate for your problem. Be sure to include us on your email communication with technical support so that we can better understand your problem and help others experiencing the same.

## CarmenCanvas Access

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](https://buckeyepass.osu.edu) (buckeyepass.osu.edu) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you do each of the following:

Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](https://go.osu.edu/add-device) (go.osu.edu/add-device) help article for step-by-step instructions.

Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.

[Install the Duo Mobile application](https://go.osu.edu/install-duo) (go.osu.edu/install-duo) on all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service.

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at [614-688-4357 \(HELP\)](tel:614-688-4357) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

## Technology Skills Needed for This Course

Basic computer and web-browsing skills

[Navigating CarmenCanvas](https://go.osu.edu/canvasstudent) (go.osu.edu/canvasstudent)

[CarmenZoom virtual meetings](https://go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings) (go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings)

[Recording a slide presentation with audio narration and recording, editing and uploading video](https://go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide) (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)

## Technology Support

For help with your password, university email, CarmenCanvas, or any other technology issues, questions or requests, contact the IT Service Desk, which offers 24 x 7 support.

- **Self Service and Chat:** [go.osu.edu/it](https://go.osu.edu/it)
- **Phone:** [614-688-4357 \(HELP\)](tel:614-688-4357)
- **Email:** [servicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:servicedesk@osu.edu)



# Grading and Faculty Response

Your Grades will be calculated based on the following assignment weightage.

Assignment Category	Points
Syllabus Quiz + Lab 0	1%
Labs (1to10)	50%
Quizzes (3)	9%
Project	20%
Exams	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
Attendance (extra credits)	5%

## Descriptions of Major Course Assignments

### Syllabus Quiz & Lab 0

**Description:** The first week will provide you a detailed explanation of course expectations, policies, deliverables, schedule of classes etc. You are expected to read the syllabus and get familiar with all the requirements in this course. It is highly encouraged to be prepared to ask questions about course content in the very first week. There will be an online syllabus quiz to be taken during the first week to make sure you know the syllabus.

Lab 0 will provide instructions for getting started with several required software installation and basic skills. More information will be provided in the first week's lab session.

### Labs

**Description:** There will be 10 labs (1 to 10) to do hands on practice. You will be provided with data and step-by-step instructions for each lab, but keep in mind that the process of completing any given lab may not go as smoothly as planned. Unexpected challenges may arise, so it is best to plan for this. Set a goal to submit each lab in advance of the deadline. That way, if unexpected challenges do arise, you have time to deal with them before the deadline passes.

Labs are submitted in a quiz-like format. You are given all the questions in advance, at the end of the lab instructions. When you are ready to submit your lab, you open the lab assignment, enter your answers, upload any required files, and click Submit.

**Lab questions:** If you have any questions on lab contents and/or grades (can't finish specific steps, tools are not working, etc.), **please contact your Lab TA via email.**





## Attendance

**Description:** **Attendance in labs will be recorded at all lab meetings.** Presence during labs help students to understand and work on the lab assignment in a coherent way. Our prior experience shows that those students who regularly show up in the labs learn more from their peers and lab instructors than those who prefer to work on labs on their own (skipping lab attendance). To encourage lab presence and productivity, attendance is made **worth up to 5% of your final grades in this course as extra credits.** However, 2 unexcused absences will not be counted in the attendance grade to cover any emergency or unexpected event that may prevent you coming to the labs. In case of any health emergency such as COVID19 related absences, please make sure to inform your Lab TA as soon as possible to get special arrangements as per lab policies. Documented proof may be required to get your attendance excused.

## Project

**Description:** You would need to create a final project to showcase your skills learnt in lab and knowledge acquired from the lectures. You can choose topic of your own interest and collect data to create a working spatial database. Deliverable will include a presentation and a report. More information will be provided later via carmen.

## Quizzes & Exams

**Description:** There will be 3 non-cumulative, open-book quizzes based on a few topics combined and covered in lectures. They will contain multiple choices and blank filling questions. In addition, there will be One Final Exam covering of all lecture topics. Quizzes and Exams will be administered using course canvas website.

Some questions are graded automatically, and some questions require manual grading. For automatically graded questions, you'll be able to see the correct answers a week after the due date for that lab. (Note: Sometimes Carmen Canvas formatting makes it look like fill-in-the-blank responses have been incorrectly graded. For concerns about fill-in-the-blank questions, please wait until after the correct answers are released to contact me with your concerns. Continue to contact me immediately with all other concerns.)

For manually graded questions, our goal is to return feedback and grades within a week, but that timeline is influenced by a variety of factors, so your patience is appreciated. Once grades are published, if you did not receive full credit, you should review the feedback so that you know how to improve. If you have any trouble finding the feedback, please let know.

**Q: What happens if I lose internet connection while taking the Exam?**





A: If you lose connection momentarily, you should be able to resume the exam. If you lose connection for longer than the exam is available, the exam will automatically submit with the time is up.

- *Tip 1:* If you have a smartphone with a web browser, you should be able to use your cellular network (even if the WiFi connection is unavailable) to log in to Carmen on your cell phone's web browser and resume the exam, as long as the time isn't up. It's not ideal since you probably won't be able to access any notes efficiently, but at least you can still access the exam and enter answers.
- *Tip 2:* To make your internet connection a little more stable, make sure nothing is streaming like video or online games. If you have roommates that are watching Netflix or gaming, you might want to ask them to take a break while you take your exam so that your WiFi access can be prioritized.

Do your best to ensure that you have a reliable internet connection and a reliable device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone) for accessing the exam *before* you get started. If you do completely lose access, cannot resume, and the exam submits before you can reestablish connection and submit answers, be sure to let me know. There may not be much that I can do, in the interest of fairness to all students, but I certainly want to hear about the situation to investigate it, etc.

**Academic integrity and collaboration:** Your written assignments, including discussion posts, should be your own original work. In formal assignments, you should follow APA style to cite the ideas and words of your research sources. You are encouraged to ask a trusted person to proofread your assignments before you turn them in but no one else should revise or rewrite your work.

## Late Assignments

Please refer to Carmen course website for due dates of assignments. **Assignments will be penalized 10% for each day late.** Thus, assignments submitted 10 days after the deadline will be graded 0. Extensions will not be granted due to lost work; **be sure you back up and keep all your work.**

Exams must be taken at the scheduled times and places unless you have informed your instructor **before** the exam with proper reasons and documents and got approved by the instructor. Please contact your instructor in advance of the scheduled exam to schedule a make-up exam, except in the case of emergency. Make-up exams for excused absences will not be penalized. **Make-up exams for unexcused absences will be penalized 15%.**



## Instructor Feedback and Response Time

I am providing the following list to give you an idea of my intended availability throughout the course. Remember that you can call [614-688-4357 \(HELP\)](tel:614-688-4357) at any time if you have a technical problem.

**Preferred contact method:** If you have a question, please contact me first through my Ohio State email address. I usually reply to emails within **24 to 48 hours on school days**. If you do not get a response within 2 days, you should send a follow up email. To make sure your email does not go in my junk folder, **start the subject line as “GEOG\_5212 .....”**.

**Class announcements:** I will send all important class-wide messages through the Announcements tool in CarmenCanvas. Please check [your notification preferences](https://go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) (go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) to ensure you receive these messages.

**Discussion board:** I will check and reply to messages in the discussion boards once mid-week and once at the end of the week.

**Grading and feedback:** For assignments submitted before the due date, I will try to provide feedback and grades within **7 days after the due date**. Assignments submitted after the due date may have reduced feedback, and grades may take longer to be posted.

## Grading Scale

93–100: A  
90–92.9: A-  
87–89.9: B+  
83–86.9: B  
80–82.9: B-  
77–79.9: C+  
73–76.9: C  
70–72.9: C-  
67–69.9: D+  
60–66.9: D  
Below 60: E



## Other Course Policies

### Discussion and Communication Guidelines

The following are my expectations for how we should communicate as a class. Above all, please remember to be respectful and thoughtful.

**Writing style:** While there is no need to participate in class discussions as if you were writing a research paper, you should remember to write using good grammar, spelling, and punctuation. A more conversational tone is fine for non-academic topics.

**Tone and civility:** Let's maintain a supportive learning community where everyone feels safe and where people can disagree amicably. Remember that sarcasm doesn't always come across online. I will provide specific guidance for discussions on controversial or personal topics.

**Citing your sources:** When we have academic discussions, please cite your sources to back up what you say. For the textbook or other course materials, list at least the title and page numbers. For online sources, include a link.

**Backing up your work:** Consider composing your academic posts in a word processor, where you can save your work, and then copying into the Carmen discussion.

**Synchronous sessions:** During our Zoom sessions I ask you to use your real name and a clear photo of your face in your Carmen profile. During our full-group lecture time, you may turn your camera off if you choose. When in breakout rooms or other small-group discussions, having cameras and mics on as often as possible will help you get the most out of activities. You are always welcome to use the [free, Ohio State-themed virtual backgrounds](https://go.osu.edu/zoom-backgrounds) (go.osu.edu/zoom-backgrounds). Remember that Zoom and the Zoom chat are our classroom space where respectful interactions are expected.]

### Academic Integrity Policy

See [Descriptions of Major Course Assignments](#) for specific guidelines about collaboration and academic integrity in the context of this class.

### Ohio State's Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the university's [Code of Student Conduct](https://studentconduct.osu.edu) (studentconduct.osu.edu), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the university's *Code of Student Conduct* and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."



The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the university's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the *Code of Student Conduct* and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

**If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.** If COAM determines that you have violated the university's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

[Committee on Academic Misconduct](http://go.osu.edu/coam) (go.osu.edu/coam)

[Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity](http://go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions) (go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions)

[Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity](http://go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules) (go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules)

## Copyright for Instructional Materials

The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

## Creating an Environment Free from Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a community to reflect diversity and to improve opportunities for all. All Buckeyes have the right to be free from harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, academic programs, admission, and employment. Members of the university community also have the right to be free from all forms of sexual misconduct: sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.



To report harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, or retaliation and/or seek confidential and non-confidential resources and supportive measures, contact the Office of Institutional Equity:

Online reporting form at [equity.osu.edu](https://equity.osu.edu),

Call 614-247-5838 or TTY 614-688-8605,

Or email [equity@osu.edu](mailto:equity@osu.edu)

The university is committed to stopping sexual misconduct, preventing its recurrence, eliminating any hostile environment, and remedying its discriminatory effects. All university employees have reporting responsibilities to the Office of Institutional Equity to ensure the university can take appropriate action:

All university employees, except those exempted by legal privilege of confidentiality or expressly identified as a confidential reporter, have an obligation to report incidents of sexual assault immediately.

The following employees have an obligation to report all other forms of sexual misconduct as soon as practicable but at most within five workdays of becoming aware of such information: 1. Any human resource professional (HRP); 2. Anyone who supervises faculty, staff, students, or volunteers; 3. Chair/director; and 4. Faculty member.

## Your Mental Health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. No matter where you are engaged in distance learning, The Ohio State University's Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, [on-demand mental health resources](https://go.osu.edu/ccsondemand) (go.osu.edu/ccsondemand) are available. You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at [614- 292-5766](tel:6142925766). **24-hour emergency help** is available through the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website](https://www.suicideline.org) (suicideline.org) or by calling [1-800-273-8255\(TALK\)](tel:18002738255). [The Ohio State Wellness app](https://go.osu.edu/wellnessapp) (go.osu.edu/wellnessapp) is also a great resource.



# Accessibility Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

## Requesting Accommodations

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions, please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with [Student Life Disability Services \(SLDS\)](#). After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. In light of the current pandemic, students seeking to request COVID-related accommodations may do so through the university's request process, managed by Student Life Disability Services.

## Disability Services Contact Information

- Phone: [614-292-3307](tel:614-292-3307)
- Website: [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu)
- Email: [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu)
- In person: [Baker Hall 098, 113 W. 12th Avenue](#)

## Accessibility of Course Technology

This online course requires use of CarmenCanvas (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations as early as possible.

[CarmenCanvas accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility) ([go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility))

Streaming audio and video

[CarmenZoom accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility) ([go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility](http://go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility))

## Religious Accommodations

Our inclusive environment allows for religious expression. Students requesting accommodations based on faith, religious or a spiritual belief system about examinations, other academic requirements, or absences, are required to provide the instructor with written notice of specific dates for which the student requests alternative accommodations at the earliest possible date. For more information about religious accommodations at Ohio State, visit [odi.osu.edu/religious accommodations](http://odi.osu.edu/religious-accommodations).





# Course Schedule

This is a tentative outline. Refer to the CarmenCanvas course for up-to-date due dates.

Geog 5212			Geospatial Databases for GIS		
		Schedule of classes / labs			Assignments
week	day	date	Lecture (online asynchronous)	Lab R 12:45-2:05 pm DB0135	Due before class
1	T	22-Aug	Overview		
	R	24-Aug	Lab 0	Chk software	Syllabus Quiz
2	T	29-Aug	Understanding Basics		
	R	31-Aug	Lab 1	Getting data in a table	Lab 0
3	T	5-Sep	Writing SQL queries		
	R	7-Sep	Lab 2	SQL query exercises	Lab 1
4	T	12-Sep	Data modeling		Quiz 1@midnight
	R	14-Sep	Lab 3	ER diagram	Lab 2
5	T	19-Sep	Normalization		
	R	21-Sep	Lab 4	Table Normalization	Lab 3
6	T	26-Sep	object orientation		
	R	28-Sep	Lab 5	Creating DB in ESRI Arc Pro	Lab 4
7	T	3-Oct	spatial Objects		
	R	5-Oct	Lab 6	Creating DB in PostGIS	Lab 5
8	T	10-Oct	Project Proposal (data, objective & schema)		Quiz 2@midnight
	R	12-Oct	Autum Break- No class/Lab		
9	T	17-Oct	Storage & File structure		Proposal@midnight
	R	19-Oct	Lab 7	Spatial Data Types in PostGIS	Lab 6
10	T	24-Oct	DBMS Architecture		
	R	26-Oct	Lab 8	Spatial funcions in PostGIS	Lab 7
11	T	31-Oct	Indexes		
	R	2-Nov	Lab 9	Geometry in PostGIS	Lab 8
12	T	7-Nov	spatial indexes		
	R	9-Nov	Lab 10	Advance queries in PostGIS	Lab 9
13	T	14-Nov	Exam Review		Quiz 3@midnight
	R	16-Nov	Open Lab	project help	Lab 10
14	T	21-Nov	Exam (online)		Exam
	R	23-Nov	Thanksgiving - No class/lab		
15	T	28-Nov	Project Consultaion open time		
	R	30-Nov	Open Lab	project help	
16	T	5-Dec	Final Project Presentation		due@midnight
	W	6-Dec	peer review		due@midnight
	R	7-Dec	Final Project Report	no lab	due@midnight