GEOG 5270 – Geographic Applications of Remote Sensing

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Lectures
0140 Derby Hall, Tuesday 12:10-2:00PM

Labs
0140 Derby Hall, Thursday 12:40-1:35PM

Course Website
The course schedule, announcements, lecture notes, lab assignments, readings, and other course information will be posted on Carmen (https://carmen.osu.edu).

Course Description
This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of remote sensing and its geographic applications. Lectures will focus on basic concepts and techniques in remote sensing data acquisition and analysis. Examples from a variety of topical areas will be used to illustrate how the information derived from remotely sensed data can be used in geographic studies. Computer laboratory exercises are designed to help students to gain hands-on experiences on the digital processing of remotely sensed data. Students are expected to complete a project that applies remote sensing techniques to solve a real-world problem.

Required Textbook
Optional Reference


Course Evaluation

Final course grades will be based on the following weighting of assessment components:

- **Participation (20%)**: Class attendance and participation is expected for all students. Students will receive credits for participating in-class activities including class exercises, presentations, and discussions.

- **Laboratory exercises (35%)**: The laboratory exercises will require the use of ERDAS Imagine. All lab assignments should be turned in on time. Late submissions will NOT be accepted. Your lowest score will be dropped in the calculation of the final grade.

- **Examination (15%)**: There will be an in-class examination in the second half of the semester. The exact exam date depends on the actual course progress and will be announced later. Students must take the exam to receive credits. No make-up exam will be given unless legitimate documents for medical or personal emergency are presented prior to the exam.

- **Final project (30%)**: Students are required to complete a final project that applies remote sensing techniques to solve a real-world problem of their own interest. The project deliverables include a proposal and a final report. The requirements and due dates for the proposal and final report will be discussed in class.

Final course grades will be assigned based on the following grading scale:

- **A**: 93–100  | **A-**: 90–92  | **B+**: 87–89  | **B**: 83–86  | **B-**: 80–82  | **C+**: 77–79  
- **C**: 73–76  | **C-**: 70–72  | **D+**: 67–69  | **D**: 60–66  | **F**: below 60

Academic Misconduct

Please help maintain an academic environment of mutual respect and fair treatment. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term academic misconduct includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). Academic misconduct will not be tolerated and will be dealt with procedurally in accordance with university policy, which is available at http://oaa.osu.edu/coam.html. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/.
Disability Services

All students who feel they may need accommodations based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss their specific needs. Students with documented disabilities must also contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) in 150 Pomerene Hall (614-292-3307) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for the course. ODS forms must be given to your instructor as early in the semester as possible to be filled out and returned to you.

Course Schedule

A tentative course schedule is given below. Students should check the course website on Carmen frequently for updates.

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