GEOG - GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES

GEOG413 Migration: Latin America and the United States (3 Credits)
Develops an understanding of the push and pull factors that have contributed to human mobility (migration) that has transformed the Americas. The class is divided in two parts: immigration and emigration from Latin American and Latin America migration to the United States. We will be interested in studying the migration shifts that have occurred in Latin America and the theories that help explain them. The themes that will be addressed are the history of migration with Latin America and to North America, the impact of this migration on both sending and receiving countries, and the various policy strategies and issues concerning migration.
Prerequisite: GEOG313; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Recommended: HIST250; or USLT201; or LASC234.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG413, or GEOG498M.
Formerly: GEOG498M.

GEOG415 Land Use, Climate Change, and Sustainability (3 Credits)
The issues of climate change and land use change as two interlinked global and regional environmental issues and their implications for society and resource use are explored.
Prerequisite: GEOG123 or GEOG306; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Recommended: GEOG340; or GEOG342; or GEOG331. Or GEOG201; and GEOG211.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG415 or GEOG498D.
Formerly: GEOG498D.

GEOG416 Conceptualizing and Modeling Human-Environmental Interactions (3 Credits)
Develops skills to carry out research that integrates environmental and economic aspects of sustainability by introducing extensively used quantitative tools for analyzing human-environmental interactions in the field of ecological economics. These include, e.g., index number calculations and decomposition analysis, Environmental Kuznets Curve (EKC), environmental input-output analysis and life-cycle analysis, and multi-criteria decisions aid (MCDA). Students will need laptops to run models during class.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOG306, STAT100, MATH107, or MATH111; and (GEOG201 and GEOG202); and (GEOG313 or GEOG330).
Corequisite: MATH130, MATH140, or MATH120; or MATH220.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG416 or GEOG498N.
Formerly: GEOG498N.

GEOG418 Field and Laboratory Techniques in Environmental Science (1-3 Credits)
Lecture and laboratory learning each week. A variable credit course that introduces field and laboratory analyses in environmental science. Individual learning contract are developed with instructor.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG418 or GEOG448.
Formerly: GEOG448.

GEOG422 Changing Geographies of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credits)
Students will develop an understanding of the geographic contexts of Sub-Saharan Africa, including an overview of the physical, bioclimatic, historical, cultural, political, demographic, health and economic geographies of Sub-Saharan Africa. Students will fill in the map of Africa by studying the spatial distribution within each of these geographic domains. In addition to an overview of geography South of the Sahara, the Congo will be taken as a more intensive case study through additional readings, lectures and discussions.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOG201; and GEOG202; and (GEOG335 or GEOG333).
Recommended: GEOG130 or GEOG110.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG328C, GEOG422.
Formerly: GEOG328C.

GEOG423 Latin America (3 Credits)
A geography of Latin America and the Caribbean in the contemporary world: political and cultural regions, population and natural resource distribution, economic and social development, poverty, crime, urbanization, migration trends, and natural disasters.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOG201 and GEOG202; and (GEOG332, GEOG435, or GEOG333).
Recommended: GEOG130 and GEOG110.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG313 or GEOG423.
Formerly: GEOG313.

GEOG424 Changing Geographies of Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credits)
Basic issues concerning the natural history of humans from the perspective of the geographer. Basic components of selected behavioral and natural systems, their evolution and adaptation, and survival strategies.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG421 or GEOG431.
Formerly: GEOG421.

GEOG431 Culture and Natural Resource Management (3 Credits)
An introduction to modern econometric techniques in general and spatial econometrics in particular, using the popular open source statistical computer language R. A focus on using statistical computing to produce analytical reports for real-world applications, research papers, and dissertations.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOG201; and GEOG202; and GEOG306; and GEOG332. Also offered as: GEOG732.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG431E, GEOG432, GEOG732E, GEOG732.
Formerly: GEOG431E.

GEOG432 Spatial Econometrics (3 Credits)
Geographical factors in the national power and international relations; an analysis of the role of geopolitics and geostrategy, with special reference to the current world scene.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG423 or GEOG437.
Formerly: GEOG423.
GEOG438 Seminar in Human Geography (3 Credits)
Selected topics in human geography.
Recommended: GEOG201; or GEOG211.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG441 The Coastal Ocean (3 Credits)
Introduction to coastal oceanography, focusing on the physical, biological, and geological aspects of ocean areas on the inner continental shelves. Wave, currents, and tidal dynamics of bays, open coast, estuaries, and deltas. Sedimentary environments of major coastal types. Ecology and biogeochemical relationships, including benthic and planktonic characteristics. Coastal evolution with sea level rise. Human impacts: eutrophication, modification of sedimentation. The coastal future: rising sea level, hypoxia, and increased storminess.
Prerequisite: GEOG140; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG441 or GEOG498C.
Formerly: GEOG498C.

GEOG442 Biogeography and Environmental Change (3 Credits)
Biogeographical topics of global significance, including a consideration of measurement techniques, and both descriptive and mechanistic modeling. Topics may include: scale in biogeography, biodiversity, carbon geography, climate and vegetation, interannual variability in the biosphere, land cover, global biogeochemical responses to climate change, NASA’s Mission to Planet Earth and Earth Observation System. The class focuses on both natural and anthropogenic controls, impacts of biography on climate and ecosystem services and different methods in biogeography.
Prerequisite: GEOG301. And GEOG201 and GEOG211; or permission of BSOS-Geography department. Also offered as: GEOG642.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG642, GEOG442, GEOG447, or GEOG484.
Formerly: GEOG447.

GEOG458 Special Topics in Study Abroad IV (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

GEOG472 Remote Sensing: Digital Processing and Analysis (3 Credits)
Digital image processing and analysis applied to satellite and aircraft land remote sensing data. Consideration is given to preprocessing steps including calibration and geo registration. Analysis methods include digital image exploration, feature extraction thematic classification, change detection, and biophysical characterization. One or more application examples may be reviewed.
Prerequisite: GEOG372 and GEOG306; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG472 or GEOG480.
Formerly: GEOG480.

GEOG473 Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis (3 Credits)
Analytical uses of geographic information systems; data models for building geographic data bases; types of geographic data and spatial problems; practical experience using advanced software for thematic domains such as terrain analysis, land suitability modeling, demographic analysis, and transportation studies.
Prerequisite: GEOG306 and GEOG373; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG473 or GEOG482.
Formerly: GEOG482.

GEOG475 Computer Cartography (3 Credits)
Advanced skills of computer mapping using more sophisticated software packages. Map projection evaluation and selection, coordinate system conversion, techniques of quantitative thematic mapping, map design and generalization, hypermedia and animated cartography. Emphasis on designing and making cartographically sound sophisticated thematic maps.
Prerequisite: GEOG373 and GEOG406.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG471 or GEOG475.
Formerly: GEOG471.

GEOG476 Object-Oriented Computer Programming for GIS (3 Credits)
Expands on conceptual and practical aspects of programming for geographic applications. The main focus of this course is to provide students more advanced programming in object oriented programming languages (i.e. Python). In addition, students will develop a proficiency in applying these advanced programming principles to manipulating spatial data sources within the Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
Prerequisite: GEOG373 and GEOG376; or permission of BSOS-Geography department. And must have completed MATH220; or must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in MATH120, MATH130, or MATH140.
Restriction: Must be in Geography program; or must be in GIS minor.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG498G or GEOG476.
Formerly: GEOG498G.

GEOG477 Mobile GIS Development (3 Credits)
Designed as an introduction to mobile GIS, to the programming concepts underlying mobile GIS development, and more importantly, to the design and implement of a mobile GIS application. Covers how to develop, test, and publish mobile GIS native apps working across two mobile platforms: Android and iOS. This course will also try to leverage the capabilities of JavaScript, Swift, Google maps, ArcGIS Server and runtime SDK to developing and publishing mobile GIS web apps.
Prerequisite: GEOG306, GEOG373, and GEOG376; and (GEOG473, GEOG475, or GEOG476). And MATH140 or MATH120; or must have completed MATH220.
Restriction: Must be in a major within the BSOS-Geography department; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: Geog477 or Geog498V.
Formerly: Geog498V.

GEOG498 Topical Investigations (1-3 Credits)
Independent study under individual guidance.
Prerequisite: Restricted to advanced undergraduate students; and 24 credits in GEOG courses. Or restricted to graduate students.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG603 Masters Research Tutorial (3 Credits)
Development of Masters scholarly paper topic, critical literature review, formulation of geographical approach to research methodology. Individual meetings with faculty. Comprehensive exam before the end of the semester.
Prerequisite: GEOG600.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG603 or GEOG610.
Formerly: GEOG610.
GEOS606 Quantitative Spatial Analysis (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: GEOS605, or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOS605 or GEOS606.
Formerly: GEOS605.

GEOS608 Comprehensive Portfolio Assessment Summary (1-3 Credits)
Evaluation of a PhD student's portfolio.
Repeatable to: 3 credits.

GEOS609 Seminar in Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Topics in Remote Sensing: These may include agricultural, forestry, coastal environments, urban environments, and other major applications of remote sensing. Also may focus on new and existing earth observation missions dedicated to land research.
Prerequisite: GEOS480.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOS614 Human Dimensions of Global Change (3 Credits)
The interaction of human and biophysical systems from the vantage point of the impact of human actions on the environment are examined. The impact of the biophysical environment on humans is also discussed.

GEOS615 Land Cover and Land Use Change (3 Credits)
This class provides an examination of land cover and land use change science, addressing the causes, impacts and projection of change. Key concepts of land use science are presented and recent research papers and case studies are reviewed. Class consists of lectures, invited presentations and individual student projects and presentations.
Prerequisite: GEOS442, GEOS472, GEOS435, or GEOS473; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOS617 Land Cover Characterization Using Multi-Spectral Remotely Sensed Data Sets (3 Credits)
Students will be introduced to the image processing steps required for characterizing land cover extent and change. Key components of land cover characterization, including image interpretation, algorithm implementation, feature space selection, thematic output definition, and scripting will be discussed and implemented.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOS372; and GEOS472; and GEOS306. Also offered as: GEOS417.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOS498R; GEOS788R; GEOS417; GEOS617. Formerly: GEOS788R.

GEOS618 Seminar in Geomorphology (3 Credits)
Selected topics; this can include discussion of empirical and theoretical research methods applied to geomorphological problems including review of pertinent literature.

GEOS628 Seminar in Climatology (3 Credits)
Selected topics in climatology chosen to fit the individual needs of advanced students.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOS630 Climate, Energy, and Policy (3 Credits)
Students will learn about climate change and energy policy from multiple perspectives including social economic, technological, scientific, and behavioural aspects and their interdependence. The course will also consider the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on mitigation and applied cost/benefit analysis of Climate Change.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department; or enrolled in the Geographical Sciences Graduate Program(s).
Credit Only Granted for: GEOS430, GEOS630, or GEOS788E.
Formerly: GEOS788E.

GEOS632 Economic Geography (3 Credits)
An advanced graduate level introduction to the effects of geography on economic activities and the effects of economic incentives, institutions, and activities on the nature and sustainability of human and environmental geographic systems.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOS633 Qualitative Methods in Geography (3 Credits)
Use of qualitative methods for qualitative geographic research. Design procedures and analysis of qualitative studies are the focus of the course. Includes readings and trying out various methods. Students will be able to present their own research and use it as an example throughout the course.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Formerly: GEOS648C.

GEOS635 Seminar in Biogeography (3 Credits)
Topics in Biogeography: Biological aspects of Geography. These may include ecology, biodiversity, climate-vegetation interactions, impacts of global change.
Prerequisite: Must have completed 6 credits of biogeography or ecology; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOS639 Seminar in Physical Geography (3 Credits)
Examination of selected themes and problems in physical geography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOS642 Biogeography and Environmental Change (3 Credits)
Biogeographical topics of global significance, including a consideration of measurement techniques, and both descriptive and mechanistic modeling. Topics may include: scale in biogeography, biodiversity, carbon geography, climate and vegetation, interannual variability in the biosphere, land cover, global biospheric responses to climate change, NASA's Mission to Planet Earth and Earth Observation System. The class focuses on both natural and anthropogenic controls, impacts of biogeography on climate and ecosystem services and different methods in biogeography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Also offered as: GEOS442.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOS788C, GEOS642, or GEOS442.
Formerly: GEOS788C.

GEOS648 Seminar in Cultural Geography (3 Credits)
Examination of selected themes and problems in cultural geography.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
GEOG652 Digital Image Processing and Analysis (3 Credits)
Digital image processing and analysis applied to satellite and aircraft land remote sensing data. Consideration is given to preprocessing steps including calibration and geo registration. Analysis methods include digital image exploration, feature extraction thematic classification, change detection, and biophysical characterization. One or more application examples may be reviewed.
Prerequisite: GEOG579 or GEOG506; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in the Geospatial Information Sciences (Graduate Certificate) program.

GEOG653 Spatial Analysis (3 Credits)
Methods of spatial analysis including measuring aspects of geometric features and identifying spatial patterns of geospatial objects that are represented as point, line, network, areal data, and 3-D surfaces.
Prerequisite: GEOG579 or GEOG506; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in the Geospatial Information Sciences (Graduate Certificate) program.

GEOG654 GIS and Spatial Modeling (3 Credits)
Provide foundations and understanding on various issues related to modeling and simulation in GIS context. It will addresses the concepts, tools, and techniques of GIS modeling, and presents modeling concepts and theory as well as provides opportunities for hands-on model design, construction, and application. The focus will be on raster-based modeling. This course is also application-orientated, particularly in these fields such as terrain modeling, LULC modeling, hydrological modeling, suitability modeling, etc.
Prerequisite: GEOG653.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in Graduate Certificate: Professional Studies-Geospatial Information Sciences.

GEOG655 Spatial Database (3 Credits)
This course is designed to help students understand, analyze, design, and implement spatial databases. While the basic concepts and theories of database will be introduced, the focus of this course will be on providing students with hands-on experiences to practice the technical skills used in spatial database design and implementation. SQL, Oracle, and ArcSDE are the key topics.
Prerequisite: GEOG653.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in Graduate Certificate: Professional Studies-Geospatial Information Sciences.

GEOG656 Programming and Scripting in GIS (3 Credits)
An introduction to programming and scripting for intermediate GIS users. The fundamental concepts of computer programming will be introduced within the Geoprocessing framework in ArcGIS primarily using Python. Basic concepts of object-oriented programming and scripting will be presented. Students will develop skills in programming techniques to explore, manipulate and model spatial data using the Geoprocessor methods.
Prerequisite: GEOG653.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in Graduate Certificate: Professional Studies-Geospatial Information Sciences.

GEOG657 Web Programming (3 Credits)
Intermediate course designed to teach students the techniques for Web development, particularly creating dynamic and data-driven Web applications. Introduces a high-level, object-oriented programming language such as VB.Net and the designing, coding, debugging, testing, and documenting for the development of Web-based applications. Other popular Web development tools such as DHTML, CSS and PHP are also covered.
Prerequisite: GEOG653.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in Graduate Certificate: Geospatial Information Sciences program.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG657 or GEOG788R.
Formerly: GEOG788R.

GEOG658 Seminar in Historical Geography (3 Credits)
An examination of themes and problems in historical geography with reference to selected areas.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG660 Advanced Remote Sensing Using Lidar (3 Credits)
Lidar, also known as laser scanning, is an active remote sensing tool that can produce high-resolution point clouds. Lidar is being applied to problems such as terrain modeling, biomass estimation, change detection, feature extraction, and measuring tree canopy. Topics covered are fundamentals of lidar, current developments in lidar technology, and different applications where lidar is being used. Students will get hands-on learning about lidar data management, processing, and analysis.
Prerequisite: GEOG652.
Recommended: GEOG656 and GEOG654.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG660 or GEOG788G.
Formerly: GEOG788G.

GEOG661 Fundamentals of Geospatial Intelligence (3 Credits)
Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) is the collection, analysis, visualization and dissemination of geospatial information to support decision-making. This course introduces the fundamental knowledge required to become a successful GEOINT practitioner, including the history of the GEOINT discipline, the intelligence applications of remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies, and how GEOINT products are used to support national security and humanitarian missions. Upon completion of this course you will understand the role of technology, policy, doctrine, government, and industry play in shaping the Geospatial Intelligence discipline, and develop the technical knowledge and domain expertise to create basic GEOINT products that provide context for decision makers.
GEOG662 Advances in GIS and Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Focuses on state-of-the-art advances in geographic information science and remote sensing as they support geospatial intelligence. Focus on synergies between GIS and remote sensing in informatics, computer science, and spatial engineering, and their application to problem domains in human systems, physical systems, and cyberspace. Advances in GIS presents recent advances regarding fundamental issues of geo-spatial information science (space and time, spatial analysis, uncertainty modeling and geo-visualization), and new scientific and technological research initiatives for geo-spatial information science (such as spatial data mining, mobile data modeling, and location-based services). Advances in remote sensing will provide opportunity to understand and work with latest developments in the Remote Sensing datasets. The curriculum covers wide range of remote sensing data interpretation and their processing techniques.
Restriction: Students taking the course must be familiar with data structures, basic GIS and RS concepts, and demonstrate basic understanding of using GIS and RS software. And must be enrolled in Geographical Sciences MPS or graduate certificate program; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOG663 Big Data Analytics (3 Credits)
Designed to introduce statistical analysis over big data sets (and tackling big data problems), primarily in geography and spatial sciences, but with broader appeal throughout the socio-behavioral sciences. Students will be introduced to a range of methods that can be applied to the exploration, modeling, and visualization of big quantitative data. This course explores data fusion, statistical analysis, and data-mining for geospatial and non-geospatial data in structured and unstructured form, with an emphasis on large silos of data across diverse sources and assumptions. Topics will include open sourcing, metadata schemes, data standards and models, data-access, data-mining, clustering methods, classifiers, data reduction, machine learning, filtering schemes, real-time and streaming data, archiving and preservation, and handling uncertainty.
Recommended: Students taking the course must be familiar with data structures, basic GIS and RS concepts, and demonstrate basic understanding of using GIS and RS software.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department; or must be enrolled in Geographical Sciences MPS or graduate certificate program.

GEOG664 GEOINT Systems and Platforms (3 Credits)
There are numerous systems and platforms that support the collection, visualization and dissemination of Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT). Platforms such as satellites and aircraft carry sensors systems that can detect both physical and man-made objects on the earth. Ground-based processing systems are used to analyze and visualize sensor data, and also to create and disseminate GEOINT products that guide decision-making. In this course you will learn how to develop and implement source-to-screen GEOINT workflows, and will understand how to use a system of systems approach to describe the programmatic and technical strengths and weaknesses of many different GEOINT systems and platforms.

GEOG665 Algorithms for Geospatial Intelligence Analysis (3 Credits)
Exposes students to fundamental algorithms in geospatial intelligence and their application in methodological and substantive domains, and their implementation in computer programs and software systems. Current topics include spatial and space-time analysis, cartographic transformations, data compression and reduction, MapReduce and distributed data access, genetic algorithms, clustering and indexing algorithms, filtering algorithms, geometry and tessellation algorithms, routing algorithms, localization algorithms, and complexity and scaling. Implementation of algorithms will be explored through pseudo-code and a variety of scripting, data access, and programming languages.
Recommended: Students taking the course must be familiar with data structures, basic GIS and RS concepts, and demonstrate basic understanding of using GIS and RS software.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department; or must be enrolled in Geographical Sciences MPS or graduate certificate program.

GEOG668 Seminar in Economic Geography (3 Credits)
Examination of themes and problems in the field of economic geography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG670 Open Source GIS (3 Credits)
An exploration of techniques for using Free and Open Source Software for GIS (FOSS4g) from conception to final presentation of results. Advanced concepts and techniques including enterprise GIS, spatial SQL, parallel processing, and displaying the results of GIS analysis over the Internet will also be covered.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG670 or GEOG788A.
Formerly: GEOG788A.
Additional Information: Students do not need any experience using open source GIS, but students are expected to be comfortable using a desktop GIS such as ArcGIS.

GEOG671 Remote Sensing Instruments and Observations (3 Credits)
Detailed examination of land remote sensing instruments, observatories and resultant measurements in the optical portion of the EM spectrum. Includes computer-based exercises that examine the importance of data geo-registration and radiometric calibration in land measurements.
Prerequisite: GEOG472; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOG672 Biophysics of Optical Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Biophysical principles, phenomena and processes underlying multispectral remote sensing in the optical portion of the EM spectrum. Includes computer-based exercises that explore the biophysical basis of land patterns and dynamics observed in remote sensing data.
Prerequisite: GEOG472; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOG673 GIS Modeling (3 Credits)
Process modeling and spatial analysis within the GIS context. Introduce theoretical fundamentals and conceptual approaches to frame and represent geographical phenomena and spatial decision making.
Prerequisite: GEOG306 and GEOG473; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG673 or GEOG695.
Formerly: GEOG695.
GEOG674 GIS Spatial Databases (3 Credits)
Introduces fundamental concepts and practical skills required to design, implement and use GIS databases. Students will learn to store and represent geospatial data in databases, design and create a spatial database, manage and query geospatial data, and deliver and present geospatial data.
Prerequisite: GEOG473; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG674 or GEOG696.
Formerly: GEOG696.

GEOG676 Advanced Programming for Geography and Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Comprehensive instruction is provided in the advanced use of a commercial programming language and analysis tool used for scientific programming and data visualization, with an emphasis on applications in geography and remote sensing or GIS.
Prerequisite: GEOG376; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOG677 Internet GIS (3 Credits)
Online course delivers information on the use of GIS applications on the Internet. Covers hardware/software structure of the Internet, the means for communication between Internet-connected devices, applications that provide GIS program and data, and performance and security concerns.
Recommended: GEOG676.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.

GEOG679 Seminar in Urban Geography (3 Credits)
Post-industrial urbanization; urban planning and management; metropolitan systems; internal structure of the city; use of techniques in urban locational research; transportation and land use.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG681 Introduction to Computational Social Science (3 Credits)
Introduction to Computational Social Science serves as an introduction to the basis for computational social science (CSS) across diverse disciplines and topics at the intersection of the socio-behavioral sciences, physical sciences, and computing sciences. We will explore the foundations for CSS in different subject domains, as the methods used to build representations of social science entities, phenomena, and processes in computational media. We will also critique applied computational social science as it relates to topics that cut across the socio-behavioral sciences, or that specialize within particular socio-behavioral science domains.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG681 or GEOG788W.
Formerly: GEOG788W.

GEOG686 Mobile GIS and Geocomputing (3 Credits)
An introduction to mobile GIS, to the programming concepts underlying mobile GIS development, and to the design and implementation of a mobile GIS application. Covers how to develop, test, and publish mobile GIS native apps working across two mobile platforms: Android and iOS. Leverages the capabilities of JavaScript, Swift, Google maps, ArcGIS Server and runtime SDK to developing and publishing mobile GIS apps.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department; or must be enrolled in Geographical Sciences MPS or graduate certificate program.
Recommended: Students taking the course must be familiar with data structures, basic GIS concepts, and demonstrate basic understanding of object-oriented programming under GIS environment.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG477, GEOG498V, GEOG788V or GEOG777.
Additional Information: Tablets that run android and iOS will be loaned to registered students at no cost.

GEOG732 Spatial Econometrics (3 Credits)
An introduction to modern econometric techniques in general and spatial econometrics in particular, using the popular open source statistical computer language R. A focus on using statistical computing to produce analytical reports for real-world applications, research papers, and dissertations.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department. Or GEOG201; and GEOG306; and GEOG202; and GEOG332. Also offered as: GEOG432.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG498E, GEOG432, GEOG788E, GEOG732.
Formerly: GEOG498E, GEOG788E.

GEOG738 Seminar in Human Geography (3 Credits)
Selected topics in human geography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG748 Seminar in Physical Geography (3 Credits)
Selected topics in physical geography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG749 Seminar in Biogeography (3 Credits)
Selected topics in biogeography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
GEOG 777 Mobile GIS Development (3 Credits)
Designed as an introduction to mobile GIS, to the programming concepts underlying mobile GIS development, and more importantly, to the design and implementation of a mobile GIS application. Covers how to develop, test, and publish mobile GIS native apps working across two mobile platforms: Android and iOS. This course will also try to leverage the capabilities of JavaScript, Swift, Google maps, ArcGIS Server and runtime SDK to developing and publishing mobile GIS web apps.
Prerequisite: Permission of BSOS-Geography department; or must be enrolled in Geographical Sciences Phd or MS degree program.
Restriction: Must be in a major within the BSOS-Geography department; or permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG477, GEOG498V, GEOG788V or GEOG777. Formerly: GEOG788V.

GEOG 778 Seminar in Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Selected topics in remote sensing.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG 779 Seminar in Geographic Information Science (3 Credits)
Selected topics in geographic information science.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG 788 Selected Topics in Geography (1-3 Credits)
Readings and discussion on selected topics in the field of geography.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Geography department.
Repeatable to: 12 credits if content differs.

GEOG 789 Independent Readings (1-3 Credits)
Independent reading as arranged between a graduate faculty member and graduate student.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG 790 Internship in Geography (3 Credits)
Field experience in the student’s specialty in a Federal, state, or local agency or private business. Research paper required.

GEOG 792 Teaching Assistant Seminar (1 Credit)
GEOG 792 - Guidance and instruction for incoming and future teaching assistants.

GEOG 795 Professional Practices Seminar (1 Credit)
Development and preparation of a resume, selecting and helping reference writers, conducting successful interviews, negotiating an employment package, giving professional presentations, proposal preparation, writing reports, codes of ethics and responsibilities. Presentations from practitioners in GIS field. Basic project management skills and strategies in preparation for professional project.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program.

GEOG 796 GIS Project Management (3 Credits)
Project management methodology is covered, emphasizing implementing and integrating GIS into broader projects. Topics include project initiation, planning, scope, scheduling, budgeting and risk management.
Prerequisite: GEOG653, GEOG652, and GEOG606.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master’s) program; or must be in the Geospatial Information Sciences (Graduate Certificate) program.
Credit Only Granted for: GEOG796 or INFM706. Formerly: INFM706.

GEOG 797 Professional Project (3 Credits)
Data and materials can originate from an internship (internal or external) or from relevant work experience with current employer. Under direction of faculty advisor, students will prepare a project report containing explanation of the requirements for the work, technical account of the activities undertaken, including literature review, description of methods and approaches taken, a critical discussion of results, along with conclusions and recommendations developed from the project. Final project will consist of a full-fledged GIS application that is up and running and can be tested, providing potential employers with a portfolio demonstrating student’s ability to manage and develop a GIS application in real world situations.
Prerequisite: GEOG795; and must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in ENCE662.
Restriction: Must be in M.Prof.Studies: Geospatial Information Sciences (Master's) program.

GEOG 798 Selected Topics in Geography: Seminar Series (1 Credit)
Readings and discussions on selected topics in the field of geography.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GEOG 799 Master’s Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)

GEOG 898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)

GEOG 899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)