

**Soc 560/CRP 629.14ST
Cornell University**

**Analytic Mapping and Spatial Modeling
FALL 2006**

Course description and objectives:

The goal of this course is to introduce students in the social sciences and related fields to geographic information systems (GIS) and spatial statistics. Spatial relationships have become increasingly recognized as vital to deal with in socioeconomic, political and demographic analysis. Planners and regional scientists have long accepted GIS as a critical tool. It has become a mainstay of commerce and governmental programs. Research and planning experiences over the past decade have demonstrated the importance of understanding spatial relationships, in addition to other, aspatial factors in accounting for similarities and differences between people and organizations. For example, it has been shown that employing spatial modeling and resolving spatial autocorrelation significantly increases our analytic and explanatory power over traditional, aspatial analyses. Accordingly, this course presents GIS and spatial statistics not just as stand alone analytic frameworks, but also as a complementary set of tools to traditional (non-spatial) statistical analysis methods.

This course strives to accomplish two main goals. The first goal is to introduce various ways in which spatial thinking and research can benefit our theorizing and research. For this goal we will spend a little time discussing what it means to think spatially and examine some examples of research where space and place were important ingredients for increasing our understanding. The second goal is to provide you with enough structured guidance in applying GIS procedures and techniques to various social science research problems that you gain sufficient confidence and skills to apply spatial analysis to your own research. For this goal, emphasis is on application and use of GIS for spatial analysis and display, not on GIS theory or geography per se. Along the way we will learn some basic principles of geography needed to understand the GIS techniques.

Extensive use will be made of existing, easily retrievable information, like Census data, UNESCO and World Bank facts. Most of the time we will be using pre-existing GIS data (polygons, lines, points). However, students will create some data sets through geocoding and on-screen digitizing. Students will also create new data sets via subsetting, merging and similar GIS operations.

The course is designed to accommodate students and researchers that have no prior experience with GIS. However, those who are proficient in GIS should benefit from the approach used in this course which emphasizes the integration of spatial display and statistical analysis. While the bulk of time and therefore emphasis is on GIS, some amount of time will be spent at the end of the semester on spatial statistics, namely measures of spatial relationships via variograms, correlograms and point cluster analyses.

In terms of sequencing of topics, the course breaks into roughly three parts. The first month is mainly (1) learning how to think spatially and bringing location into our research considerations, and (2) learning the basics of GIS—finding appropriate spatial datasets, performing simple GIS manipulations, classification of information, and display—including making simple maps. Fundamentals of displaying, organizing, symbolizing a variable and showing relationships between spatially distributed variables will be covered in this section. In the second month, approximately, we explore more advanced spatial processing techniques as well as working with other kinds of spatial data. Fundamentals of geoprocessing covered include clipping, merging, intersecting, buffers, distance analysis. During this section of the course we

learn more about working with raster data, georeferencing, geocoding and GPS. The final few weeks of the semester introduces concepts of spatial statistics. These include diagnostics of spatial autocorrelation in the data and methods of interpolation that take advantage of this correlation over space. The effects of having spatially autocorrelated data in regression and related linear modeling analysis will be discussed, and the methods available for dealing with it in regression and related techniques also will be covered.

In short, the first two thirds of the course (lectures and labs) will cover GIS concepts and procedures found to be most useful to social scientists in their endeavors. The second part of the course (3-4 lectures and labs) will cover spatial statistics.

Software:

ArcGIS 9.1 is the software that will be used throughout the course. In addition, for the section dealing with spatial statistics, S-Plus will be employed as well as more specialized software—GeoDa and CrimeStat—will be introduced to supplement ArcGIS.

Prerequisites:

Students should be proficient with the Window operating system and Microsoft office, notably Word and Excel. It is not expected that students have prior knowledge or experience with geographic information systems or spatial statistics. On the other hand, it is expected that students have completed a course in basic statistics within the past three years. Specifically, you will need to know how to evaluate variable distributions and correlations, construct hypotheses, interpret test results, and have some knowledge of simple regression models.

Class schedule and Course Organization:

Classes take place on Wednesdays from 1:25 to 4:25 PM in B60 Warren Hall. Approximately 45-50 minutes will be devoted to lecture with the rest of the time committed to hands on laboratory exercises. A new lab will be started each week. Below is the anticipated schedule of lectures, associated labs and homework. All lectures, labs and relevant data will be downloadable from the D Soc 560 Blackboard course site www.blackboard.cornell.edu. You self enroll in order to use the course site.

Sequence of Lecture Topics and Lab Themes

August 30 **Lecture Topic 1:** Course Orientation & Spatial Thinking in the Social Sciences

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Monmonier, *Preface* and Ch 1: *Words and Maps*

Goodchild & Janelle, Ch 1: *Thinking Spatially in the Social Sciences*

Bolstad, Ch 1: *An Introduction to GIS*

Longley, et al, Ch 2: *A Gallery of Applications*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

None this week

Laboratory Exercise:

Introduction to Spatial Thinking via Google Earth

Homework 1:

September 6 **Lecture Topic 2:** An Introduction to ArcGIS

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Bolstad, Ch 1: *An Introduction to GIS*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *What is ArcGIS*, Ch. 1

ESRI Document: *Getting Started with ArcGIS*, Ch 1-3.

ESRI Document: *Using ArcMap*, Ch. 1, 3 & 15

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 1)

ArcGIS Basics, Finding Spatial Data, Basic symbolization, Creating subsets, Basic map creating and publication.

Homework:

September 13 **Lecture Topic 3:** Collecting Spatial Data

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Longley, et al., Ch. 9: *GIS Data Collection* & Ch 10: *Creating & Maintaining Geographic Databases*

DeMers, Ch 5: *GIS Data Input* & Ch 6: *Data Storage and Editing*

Monmonier, Ch. 5: *Cartographic Sources and Map Compilation*

Bolstad, Ch. 4: *Data Sources and Entry* & Ch 5: *The Global Positioning Systems*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *Using ArcCatalog*, Ch. 1

ESRI Document: *Using ArcMap*, Ch. 1, 4 & 10

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 2)

Locating existing geo-databases, Joining data, Attribute editing, Mapping, Metadata.

Homework: Look for datasets, for your research.

September 20 **Lecture Topic 4:** Displaying Spatial Data I

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Monmonier, Ch. 3: *Visual Variables and Cartographic Symbols*, Ch. 6: *Statistical Maps, Data Scaling and Data Presentation*, Ch. 7: *Mapping Movement, Change and Process*, Ch. 8: *Relational Maps and Integrative Cartography*.

Longley, et al., Ch. 12: *Visualization and User Interaction*

Slocum, et al., Ch. 4: *Principles of Symbolization* & Ch. 5: *Data Classification*

Brewer, *Designing better Maps*

Mitchell, Ch 2: *Mapping Where Things Are* & Ch 3: *Mapping the Most and Least*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *Using ArcMap*, Ch 6, 10 & 11

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 3, part)

Exploratory statistics, missing data, classification, and visualization of relationships between variables.

Homework:

September 27 **Lecture Topic 5:** Displaying Spatial Data II

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Mitchell, Ch 4: *Mapping Density* & Ch 7: *Mapping Change*

Monmonier, Ch 6: *Statistical Maps, Data Scaling and Data Classification* & Ch 7: *Mapping Movement, Change and Process*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *Using ArcMap*, Ch
(ESRI Documentation on Map Making)

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 3, part)

Homework:

October 4

Lecture Topic 6: Representing Our World Spatially—Geographic
Fundamentals, Data Models and Spatial Referencing

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Longley, et al, Ch 3: *Representing Geography*, Ch. 4: *Nature of
Geographic Data* & Ch. 9: *Geographic Data Modeling*

Monmonier, Ch. 2: *Scale, Perspective and Generalization*

*Bolstad, Ch 2: *Data Models* & Ch. 3: *Geodesy, Projections and
Coordinate Systems*.

DeMers, Ch 2: *Spatial Analysis: The Foundation of Modern Geography*
& Ch 3: *The Map as a Model of Geographic Data: The Language of
Spatial Thinking* & Ch 4: *Cartographic and GIS Data Structures*

Mitchell, Ch 1: *Introducing GIS Analysis*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *Understanding Map Projections*, Ch 1, 2 & 4

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 4, part)

Homework:

October 11

Lecture Topic 7: Spatial Data Processing I

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Bolstad, Ch 9: *Basic Spatial Analysis*

DeMers, Ch 7: *Elementary Spatial Analysis* & Ch 8: *Measurement*

Mitchell, Vol. 1, Ch 5: *Finding What's Inside* & Ch 6: *Finding What's
Nearby*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Documents & Help Files

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 4, part)

GIS operations to organize data.—query, buffers, distance, clip, merge,
intersect

Homework:

October 18

Lecture Topic 8: Spatial Data Processing II—Georeferencing and Geocoding

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *StreetMap Tutorial*;

ESRI Document: *Geocoding in ArcGIS*, Ch 1 & 3

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 5)

Basemaps, Creation of new spatial datasets through on-screen digitizing
and geocoding.

Homework:

October 25

Lecture Topic 9: Other Spatial Data Types: Rasters

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Bolstad, Ch 6: *Aerial and Satellite Images* & Ch. 10: *Topics in Raster
Analysis*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *Using ArcGIS Spatial Analyst*, Ch 3, 4, 5 & 7

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 6)

Homework:

November 1 **Lecture Topic 10:** Other Spatial Data Types: Lines and Network Analysis

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

ESRI Document: *ArcGIS Network Analyst Tutorial*

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 7)

Network analysis using road networks and travel times to determine shortest routes, closest facilities and service areas.

Homework:

November 8 **Lecture Topic 11:** Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Mitchell, Vol 2, Ch 1: *Introducing Spatial Measurements and Statistics*

Mitchell, Vol 2, Ch 2: *Measuring Geographic Distributions*

Rogerson, Ch 8: *Spatial Patterns*

Bailey and Gatrell, Ch 1: *Spatial Data Analysis*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

Anselin's "*Introduction to EDA with GeoDa*"

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 8)

Exploring spatial trends in datasets. Building prediction models.

Homework:

November 15 **Lecture Topic 12:** Spatial Autocorrelation

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Rogerson, Ch 8: *Spatial Patterns*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

Anselin's "*Introduction to Spatial Autocorrelation Analysis with GeoDa*"

Bailey and Gatrell, Ch 7: *Introductory Methods for Area Data*

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 9)

GeoDA: neighborhoods and weight matrices, univariate, bivariate and local Moran's I. Correlograms.

Homework:

November 29 **Lecture Topic 13:** Spatial Linear Regression

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

Rogerson, Ch 9: *Some Spatial Aspects of Regression Analysis*

Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

Anselin's "*GeoDa User's Guide*"

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 10)

Incorporating Spatial Variables and Non-Spatial Variables into Linear Regression Effect of weight matrices. Classic regression, spatially lagged regression, spatial error models.

Homework:

December 6 **Lecture Topic 14:** Point Pattern Analysis

Readings for Concepts and Principles:

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Readings for Laboratory Exercises:

Anselin's "*Intro to Point Pattern Analysis Using CrimeStat*"

Bailey and Gatrell, Ch 3: *Introductory Methods for Point Patterns* & Ch 4: *Further Methods for Point Patterns*

Laboratory Exercise: (Old Lab 13)

Statistical properties of point distributions, Nearest neighbor analysis, Ripley's K, K-means clustering.

Homework:

Laboratory Work:

Each week we will begin and complete a new lab. For the labs you will be provided with a worksheet guide, datasets and any auxiliary materials needed to complete the lab. Because we cannot store our files or project work on the hard drives in Warren B60, you will need to purchase a Zip disk (100 or 250Mb), CD, or USB "thumb drive" to store your work and bring it with you to class each week. We highly recommend USB drives to transport your data. If you want to use the printers in B60 you will need to establish a NetPrint account (via Bear Access).

Grading:

Grading options for this course are S/U or letter grade. Grades will be based on lab and homework assignments; no formal tests will be given. A lab will be due each week. Each lab will be worth 50 points. There will be several homework assignments during the semester. Homework assignments will be worth 25 points each, unless otherwise announced. Points will be deducted for parts not completed and assignments handed in after the due date. The final grade will be derived as follows: grades for each lab and assignment will be cumulated and divided by the total achievable points for all labs and assignments. A letter grade for the semester will be assigned as follows: A+ = 97-100%; A = 93-96%; A- = 89-92%; B+ = 85-88%; B = 81-84%, B- = 77-80%; C+ = 73-76%; C = 69-72%; C- = 65-68%; D+ = 61-64%; D = 57-60%; D- = 53-56%; F = below 53%. For those taking the course under the S/U option, S = 73% or more and U = less than 73%.

All lab and homework assignments are to be handed in by the start of class on the date they are due. To keep everyone on pace, 12% (equivalent to one letter grade) will be deducted for each week the lab and/or assignment is handed in late. Due dates will be specified for each Lab and homework assignment.

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Cornell University Geospatial Information Repository: <http://cugir.mannlib.cornell.edu/>
GeoData: www.geodata.gov
GIS Monitor www.gismonitor.com
GIS Portal www.gisportal.com
GIS Lounge www.gislounge.com
University of California, Berkeley <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/nph-search?query=GIS&t=titles>

Federal and State Websites

Federal Geographic Data Committee clearinghouse: <http://clearinghouse1.fgdc.gov>
National Map Atlas: <http://nationalatlas.gov>
U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics: www.geocomm.com/links/linksdata.html
U.S. EPA Envirofacts Data Warehouse: www.epa.gov/enviro/

GIS Websites with Social Science Data:

Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science www.csiss.org
University of Virginia <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/>
U.S. Census Bureau's American Fact Finder <http://factfinder.census.gov>
World Bank <http://www.worldbank.org/>
U.S. Department of Labor: <http://stats.bls.gov/>
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U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/>
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Open Source Spatial Analysis Tools including GeoDa: <https://www.geoda.uiuc.edu/support.php>