



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Geographic Information Systems Practice 2

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
GIS	3901	34592	2, 2004	ONC	0.00	TWMBBA

Academic group:	FOENS
Academic org:	FOES05
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	031199

STAFFING

Examiner: Armando Apan

Moderator: Frank Young

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: GIS2901

SYNOPSIS

This course aims at providing students with practical knowledge and skills related to spatial analysis and modelling (vector and raster), map layout, geographic data presentation and product generation. In addition, the practical component of GIS project planning and implementation will be applied in a small GIS project. This course will involve the use of an industry standard GIS software package.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. know and apply major spatial analysis functions and operations;
2. design a map and produce hardcopy products;
3. understand the various stages and processes involved in establishing a small GIS;
4. undertake a small GIS project including project design, data capture and analysis, and output of final results;
5. present the results of the GIS projects in a professional manner.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Spatial analysis and modelling (vector data)	30.00

2.	Spatial analysis and modelling (raster data)	30.00
3.	Map layout, geographic data presentation and product generation	20.00
4.	GIS project planning and implementation	20.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

GIS1402 Geographic Information Systems External Study Package, USQ Publication, Toowoomba.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Lectures	5.00
Report Writing	10.00
Seminars	2.00
Tutorial	33.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
EXERCISES	1.00	50.00	22 Oct 2004 (see note 1)
SEMINAR AND REPORT	1.00	50.00	22 Oct 2004

NOTES:

1. Students will be advised of the due date when each assessment item is issued.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:

It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-) for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade students must complete at least 80% of the practical and other activities at a satisfactory standard, as stated in 2 above.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade, under the requirements in 4 above, will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.
- 6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Not applicable.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.
- 2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if required by the Examiner.
- 3 In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

- 6 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.
- 7 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 8 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study.
- 9 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).