



## Course specification

<b>Description: Geographic Data Presentation</b>						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
GIS	1401	41238	1, 2005	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

<b>Academic group:</b>	FOENS
<b>Academic org:</b>	FOES05
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	2
<b>ASCED code:</b>	031103

### STAFFING

Moderator: Armando Apan

### SYNOPSIS

This course will cover the principles and techniques of presenting geographic data including basic drafting, computer aided drafting (CAD), cartographic design and presentation, thematic mapping and GIS techniques. The main emphasis, however will be on the practical applications of these techniques in presenting geographic data in a professional manner.

### OBJECTIVES

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

1. demonstrate basic drafting skills;
2. interpret maps, engineering drawings and survey plans;
3. operate a computer aided drafting package;
4. describe the basic components and characteristics of maps and plans;
5. describe the objectives of cartographic communication;
6. explain the basic processes required to design and compile topographic and thematic maps;
7. describe the processes of map production; and
8. explain the various applications of maps in decision making.

### TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Basic drafting	5.00
2.	Specialist drafting in civil engineering and surveying	10.00
3.	Computer aided drafting	15.00
4.	Geographic information systems and maps	10.00
5.	Cartographic conventions and characteristics	10.00

6.	Map projection and coordinate systems	10.00
7.	Map design	10.00
8.	Thematic mapping	10.00
9.	Map production	10.00
10.	Cartography at work: maps as decision tools	10.00

### **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).

GIS1401 Geographic Data Presentation Study Book 1 and 2, USQ Publication.

Boundy, AW 2001, *Engineering Drawing*, 6th edn, McGraw Hill, Sydney.

### **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.

Australian Standard AS1100 Part 101

Clarke, K 2003, *Getting started with geographic information systems*, 4th edn, Prentice Hall Series,

Kraak, MJ & Ormeling, FJ 2003, *Cartography: Visualisation of geospatial data*, 2nd edn, Pearson Education Ltd, England.

### **STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	45.00
Directed Study	52.00
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	56.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	10.00	07 Apr 2005
ASSIGNMENT 2	200.00	20.00	28 Apr 2005
ASSIGNMENT 3	250.00	25.00	26 May 2005
2 HOUR CLOSED EXAMINATION	450.00	45.00	END S1 (see note 1)

### NOTES

1. Student Administration will advise students of the dates of their examinations during the semester.

## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:  
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility 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 a student must achieve at least 45% in each of the summative assessments and at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:  
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:  
In a Closed Examination, candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:  
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
- 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 one of the temporary grades: IM (Incomplete - Make up), IS (Incomplete - Supplementary Examination) or ISM (Incomplete -Supplementary Examination and Make up). A temporary 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).