
URP4273: Survey of Planning Information Systems Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR:

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CLASS PERIODS:

Architecture Building, Room 215

Monday 4 -5 period (10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday 5 period (11:45 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.)

OFFICE HOURS:

Physical office in Room 431D.

Available via phone/email constantly. Class communication via UF email list-serve.

Virtual office hours, Friday 1pm-3pm. Also, physical or virtual meetings, by appointment.

PREREQUISITES: None**COURSE FULFILLMENTS:** Three Credits

REQUIREMENTS: Laptop with a windows operating system required. Textbook not required. GIS software, lecture notes, assigned readings, handouts and class exercises will all be provided (digitally).

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course provides a general understanding of the fundamental principles of Geographic Information Systems (GIS); a hands on software experience using ArcGIS 10 (an ESRI desktop product); a real world experience with a community problem to be solved by applying spatial data analysis and techniques.

GRADING:

I use a progressive evaluation approach with a premium on learning and accomplishment rather than on effort or compliance. Below is a broad guideline that I use to assess your progress in learning and which shapes according to individual performance. Overall, I try to place an equal weight between the theoretical and the applied portions of the course.

- Class Participation and Class Quizzes (3-4) 12% - individual evaluation
- Home Assignments and Home Exercises (7-8) 22% - individual evaluation
- Midterm Examination 33% - individual grade
- Final Project (*presentation and paper*) 33% - group grade

Assignments turned in late without instructor's approval will be decreased one grade level. No student is allowed to miss the mid-term exam or the final project presentation without prior approval.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend classes and give notification in the event of a conflict. Every effort will be made to accommodate students with a legitimate reason for missing classes.

ACCOMMODATION:

Students in need of special accommodation must register with the Dean of Students Office. This office will provide them the appropriate documentation for submission to me.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Students are responsible for abiding by the University of Florida's policies published at:[Student Conduct and Honor Code](#).

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