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	This page and its subs-pages act as the syllabi for th Sciences: • WATS 4930/6920 - Advanced GIS & Spatial Analyses (3 credits) - 10 Weeks • WATS 4931/6921 - GIS Research Projects (2 credits) - 5 Weeks • WATS 6915 - GIS Fundamentals (1 credit) - 4 Weeks Which Course(s) Should I Take? WATS 4930/6920 is what you should take if you want to get a comprehensive understanding of GIS and advanced spatial analyses, GEOG 1800 is a	he following Advanced GIS courses offered through Watershed Syllabus Topics Alternative or Follow-Up Courses Catalog Description Course Policies Format Grades How to Register (Spring 2012) Instructors Meeting Times & Place Primary Learning Outcomes Software
don't have the time or new rapid. Its perfect for som	ed at graduate students who want a cra ed for the full 10 week course. No prior G eone wanting to know how to make some building interactive web maps and doing WATS 4931/6921 is a five week follow up course to N in Advanced GIS & Spatial Analyses into practice th	Ish course or refresher introduction to GIS, b SIS experience is necessary, but the pace is a basic maps for their thesis or dissertation, a basic spatial analyses. WATS 4930/6920, which puts the skills and principles learned rough student research projects. WATS 4930 is available for tudents will prepare a poster to present in poster session and















Introduction/Review	Approxi	mate Sch	edule		
of GIS	GIS Course(s)	Semester Week	Course Topics	Dates	Lab
Abstracting the World to Digital	4930, 6920, 6915	WEEK 1	Introduction/Review of GIS	Jan 10 & 12	1. <u>ArcGIS</u> <u>Refersher/Intro &</u> <u>WebGIS</u>
World to Digital Maps	4930, 6920, 6915	WEEK 2	Abstracting the World to Digital Maps	Jan 17 & 19	2. <u>Coordinate Data,</u> <u>Projections &</u> <u>Transformations</u>
• Working with Data in GIS & Geoprocessing	4930, 6920, 6915	WEEK 3	Working with Data in GIS	Jan 24 & 26	3. <u>Reproducing Maps</u> <u>- Geologic Map</u>
Uncertainty & Vector	4930, 6920, 6915	WEEK 4	Working with Data in GIS	Jan 31 & Feb 2	4. <u>Digitizing & Editing</u> <u>& Sharing Data</u>
Analyses	4930 & 6920	WEEK 5	Vector Analyses	Feb 7 & 9	5. Vector Analysis
 Raster Analyses 	4930 & 6920	WEEK 6	Raster Analyses & Digital Elevation Modeling	Feb 14 & 16	6. Working w/ DEMs
GIS Modeling	4930 & 6920	WEEK 7	Raster Analyses & Uncertainty in GIS	Feb 21 & 24	7. Building DEMs
Collecting Your Own	4930 & 6920	WEEK 8	GIS Modeling	Feb 28 & Mar 1	8. <u>Morphometric</u> Analyses
Data	4930 & 6920	WEEK 9	Collecting Your Own Data	Mar 6 & 8	9. Georeferencing
			Spring Break – March 12 -16		
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Grade Overview			
Dur primary concern is that you engage in achieving the <u>learning objectives</u> for this cou econdary concern to us, and if you are effectively learning your grade should be a moc acognize how motivated some of you are by grades and we have attempted to provide elp manage your expectations about what you need to do to earn the grade you want.	t point. However, we	w) to	
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our grade consists of lab-based work, a project and occasional quizzes (see assignm	<u>ents</u>):		
11 Lab Reports (2%-10% each) 95% Occasional Quizzes (Some in class and some on <u>Canvas</u>) 5%		Grading S	cale
There are 10 scheduled labs and one self-paced labs.		We will use	e a standard grading s
		Grade	% of Available Points
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- Maps are the ultimate end product of GIS and GIS analyses
- GIS makes it easy to make maps
- Making *good* and *effective* maps is an art that is being lost (i.e. cartography)
- You intuitively know this... but you probably forgot







ALL MAPS HAVE A PURPOSE

- What point is the map trying to convey?
- · Context helps convey that point

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The Map	Example Purpose
Location Map	Show the location of something within a broader geographic context of common knowledge to audience (e.g. state, country, world)
Geology Map	Show spatial distribution of underlying geology
Habitat Map	Show spatial distribution of different habitat types
Topographic Map	Show spatial distribution of elevations
Watershed Map	Show delineated boundary of watershed
Election Map	Show which areas voted for which candidate
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EVEN HAS A GLOSSARY

GLOSSARY

Capital: A city where the government of a state or country is located.

Cartographer: A person who makes maps.

Equator: An imaginary line that circles the middle of the earth between the North and South Poles.

Globe: A representation of the earth in the shape of a ball.

Grid: A pattern of lines on a map usually running north-south and east-west that is used for giving positions.

Latitude: Imaginary lines on the earth that run east and west, parallel to the equator.

Legend: The part of a map that lists and explains the symbols, colors, and scale used for the map.

Longitude: Imaginary lines on the earth that run north and south and meet at the poles.

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Map: A flat representation of the earth or a part of the earth that shows the relative position of places.

Scale: The relationship between the actual size of an area and its size on a map.

Symbol: A sign or drawing that stands for something else.

Topographical map: A map that shows the shape and changing elevation of the land's surface.











READING FOR THURSDAY

Reading Assignments will always be posted on the course website...

- I will try to highlight reading for you at the end of most lectures
 - Read Chapter One of Bolstad: "An Introduction to GIS"
- In general, you should get in the habit of checking the website. For this Thursday, see:
 - http://gis.joewheaton.org

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