

# GEOG 255: GIS DATA ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

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## New Course Proposal

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**Catalog Title:**

GIS Data Acquisition and Management

**Class Schedule Title:**

GIS Data Acquisition & Mngmnt

**Academic Group: (College)**

NSM - Natural Sciences & Mathematics

**Academic Organization: (Department)**

Geography

**Will this course be offered through the College of Continuing Education (CCE)?**

No

**Catalog Year Effective:**

Fall 2025 (2025/2026 Catalog)

**Subject Area: (prefix)**

GEOG - Geography

**Catalog Number: (course number)**

255

**Course ID: (For administrative use only.)**

TBD

**Units:**

3

**Is the ONLY purpose of this change to update the term typically offered or the enforcement of existing requisites at registration?**

No

**In what term(s) will this course typically be offered?**

Fall, Spring

**Does this course require a room for its final exam?**

Yes, final exam requires a room

**Does this course replace an existing experimental course?**

No

**This course complies with the credit hour policy:**

Yes

**Justification for course proposal:**

The department is seeking to create a paired graduate version of an existing course (Geog 155) in order to better serve the needs of graduate students in non-Geography programs within NSM and across the university. Offering the class at the graduate level will allow students to continue to enroll while now receiving graduate-level credit towards their degree.

**Course Description: (Not to exceed 90 words and language should conform to catalog copy.)**

This course focuses on acquisition and management of geospatial datasets and addresses the interpretation of a variety of data formats available in global information systems (GIS). It explores concepts of geospatial data management strategies, primary GIS data creation, secondary data acquisitions, and leveraging leading-edge geospatial data deployments (for graduate students only).

**Are one or more field trips required with this course?**

No

**Fee Course?**

No

**Is this course designated as Service Learning?**

No

**Is this course designated as Curricular Community Engaged Learning?**

No

**Does this course require safety training?**

No

**Does this course require personal protective equipment (PPE)?**

No

**Does this course have prerequisites?**

Yes

**Prerequisite:**

GEOG 109 or GEOG 209

**Prerequisites Enforced at Registration?**

Yes

**Does this course have corequisites?**

No

**Graded:**

Letter

**Approval required for enrollment?**

No Approval Required

**Course Component(s) and Classification(s):**

Laboratory  
Lecture

**Laboratory Classification**

CS#16 - Science Laboratory (K-factor=2 WTU per unit)

**Laboratory Units**

1

**Lecture Classification**

CS#02 - Lecture/Discussion (K-factor=1 WTU per unit)

**Lecture Units**

2

**Is this a paired course?**

Yes

**Please confirm that it complies with the Paired Courses Policy and enter the course with which it is paired:**

GEOG 155

**Is this course crosslisted?**

No

**Can this course be repeated for credit?**

No

**Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term?**

No

**Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes and Assessment Strategies:**

List the Expected Learning Outcomes and their accompanying Assessment Strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre-and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers). Click the plus sign to add a new row.

	Expected Learning Outcome	Assessment Strategies
1	Clearly communicate and document standard operating procedures in GIS data acquisition and management processes	labs, portfolio, final project
2	Demonstrate development and use of structured naming conventions and file management systems	labs, portfolio, final project
3	Identify the fundamentals of database systems, design techniques, and their use in organizations	labs, quizzes, portfolio
4	Create and alter databases using standard relational database management systems (DBMS) and geodatabase structures	labs, final project
5	Develop entity-relationship diagrams, relational schemas, and data dictionaries given a set of business rules	labs, portfolio
6	Define, design, and implement attribute domains	labs, quizzes, portfolio, final project
7	Write database queries using Structured Query Language (SQL) for a variety of data definition and data manipulation scenarios	labs, quizzes, portfolio, final project
8	Define and identify differences between data and file types	labs, quizzes, portfolio, final project
9	Describe what metadata is, why it's important, and applicable standards for capturing and documenting metadata	labs, portfolio, final project
10	Acquire primary geospatial data using GPS and visualize using geospatial software	labs, portfolio, final project
11	Identify and communicate strategies to, and then acquire, secondary geospatial data (ex: Census, DEMs, imagery, boundaries) and visualize using geospatial software	labs, portfolio, final project

12	Work with teammates to establish group expectations (ex: goals, timelines, individual and collaborative tasks); elicit, listen to, and incorporate ideas from teammates with different perspective and backgrounds; critique others work/ideas constructively & respectfully	labs, peer-review, final project
13	Clearly communicate geospatial techniques, rationale, limitations, and considerations to technical and non-technical audiences in a professional manner	peer-review, portfolio, final project
14	Synthesize and evaluate data to reveal insightful patterns, differences, or similarities related to a geospatial problem, and discuss relevant, supported limitations and implications of the analysis	labs, peer review, portfolio, final project
15	Understand and apply ethical and legal considerations related to GIS, including privacy, data security, and the responsible use of geospatial technologies	labs, portfolio, final project
16	Compare strengths and limitations of designs/solutions; identify methodological problems and how to troubleshoot study design	labs, peer-review, portfolio, final project

**Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities:**

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**For whom is this course being developed?**

Majors of other Depts

**Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate?)**

Yes

**Has a corresponding Program Change been submitted to Workflow?**

Yes

**Identify the program(s) in which this course is required:**

**Programs:**

Minor in Geographic Information Science

**Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer)?**

No

**Will there be any departments affected by this proposed course?**

No

**I/we as the author(s) of this course proposal agree to provide a new or updated accessibility checklist to the Dean's office prior to the semester when this course is taught utilizing the changes proposed here.**

I/we agree

**University Learning Goals**

**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

- Disciplinary knowledge
- Communication
- Critical thinking/analysis
- Information literacy
- Professionalism
- Research (optional)

**Is this course required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Is this a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course?**

No

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