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DTB B122

Contact: COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide you with the opportunity to apply your strong background in geography or environmental/biological sciences with remote sensing. This is intended to be a capstone course focusing on the synthesis and integration of your previous knowledge. The focus of the course will be to work through a project that can, at least in part, be addressed by remote sensing technology. Part of the exercise that you will be to define a research question. This will be followed by an exploration of methods that can be used to address this question. You will then be asked to isolate the remote sensing component of the solution to the question that you have asked. We will help you source the data, where possible, and help you to complete this portion of the project. Through lectures, exercises, and group-based discussion you will also gain exposure to advanced remote sensing principles and techniques (e.g. UAV remote sensing) to help broaden your knowledge of remote sensing and guide your research in your project.

The course has the following main components:

- 1) **Group Project** The expectation is that you form a group of 3-4 students and explore a research question of your choosing. You will be given the opportunity to develop a project that suits your own interests, and takes advantage of your own strengths, while recognizing the limits of available data. The progress of the projects will be monitored through a series of deliverables (e.g. reports). The data that you will have access to (for the most part, data that is you will be working on them) and are collected from airborne multi sensor capabilities. Typically, we will use UAV-based data for orthophotography. There are also ground-based, air-based, and satellite-based datasets.
- 2) **Lecture/Demonstration** Presentations ( )9(y)-3()Jm2Eand1 0 0 1 399.

None. For project and seminar-based work you will be expected to make additional use of remote sensing texts, journal articles, other material in the university libraries, & web-based information to support your work. Readings will also be provided by your instructor.

Recommended journals include:

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Project Definition (Oral & Written) – One per group	5%
Quiz #1	10%
Lab #1	10%
Literature Review	10%
Lab #2	10%
Progress Update (Oral & Written) – One per group	5%
Quiz #2	10%
Presentation of Final Project (Oral) – One per group	10%
Final Report (Oral & Written) – One per group	30%

There is no final exam in this course.

As per the Academic Calendar:

	9 8 7	90-100% 85-89% 80-84%	and performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectation and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
	6 5 4	77-79% 73-76% 70-72%	and performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one area balanced with satisfactory grasp in the other area.
	3 2	65-69% 60-64%	, or . These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
	1	50-59%	Performance. A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
	0	0-49%	performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements; no supplemental.
	0	0-49%	Did not write examination or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental.

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Undergraduate Advising: [geogadvising@uvic.ca](mailto:geogadvising@uvic.ca)

Lectures materials, assigned readings, and general course communications will be via CourseSpaces. You are required to come prepared for each lecture. This means you should have read and considered the assigned readings.

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Late lab assignments are subject to significant penalties: 20% per day following the due date and time. Exceptions are not permitted except for circumstances involving medical or compassionate reasons. Written verification as proof may be requested at the discretion of the instructor.

It is every student's responsibility to be aware of the university's policies on academic integrity, including policies on , , and

<http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html>

If you have any questions or doubts, talk to me, your course instructor. For more information, see <http://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/students/resources/expectations/>. The instructor reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software programs to detect plagiarism in written assignments.

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a documented disability or health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL as soon as possible <https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/>). The CAL staff is available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals, and arrange appropriate accommodations. The sooner you let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing and protecting a positive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

