

Title: Applied GIS Applications in Natural (Water Resources)

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Expectations: Understand basics of how to use a spreadsheet (i.e. excel) and college algebra

Objectives: After completing the reading assignments and laboratories in this course you should be able to do the following:

1. Make a professional map in the correct projection
2. Edit raster and vector data
3. Obtain and interpret spatial water resource data
4. Describe how spatial data are used in natural resources
5. Develop basic spatial model

Textbook: There is no textbook for this course.

SCHEDULE

It is rare, but occasionally there needs to be a change in the syllabus schedule. The weeks have companion dates in the canvas calendar. Please check the canvas syllabus for more details including due dates.

Week	Topic
1	Map Making
2	Making Maps with Rasters
3	Bear Lab
4	Editing Shapefiles
5	Watershed Delineation
6	Advanced Raster
7	Hydrology Toolbox
8	Midterm Review Lab
9	GIS in My Field Discussion (no lab or quiz)
10	Midterm (practicum and quiz)
11	Soils
12	Weighted Overlay Data Inputs and Discussion (no quiz)
13	Weighted Overlay Project
15	Final Exam preparation

POLICIES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

I. UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

UWSP values a safe, honest, respectful, and inviting learning environment. In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed, a set of expectations have been developed for all students and instructors. This set of expectations is known as the Rights and Responsibilities document, and it is intended to help establish a positive living and learning environment at UWSP. For more information go to:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Pages/rightsandresponsibilites.aspx>.

The Rights and Responsibilities document also includes the policies regarding academic misconduct, which can be found in Chapter 14. A direct link can be found here:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/SRR-2010/rightsChap14.pdf>.

II. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSP's policies, check here:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyinfo.pdf>.

If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability Services Office and then contact me at the beginning of the course. I am happy to help in any way I can. For more information, please visit the Disability Services Office, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here: <http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>.

III. Participation

Professional behavior is expected toward your classmates and instructor. It is highly unusual that there is a problem of this nature, but I will not tolerate such behavior. Slurs against a person's gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation or essentially attacks against a person are not tolerated in this class or on this campus (and in professional settings). This requirement does not restrict your freedom of speech associated with expressing your opinion. Learning how to express opposing opinions without becoming emotive or insulting is an excellent skill to acquire.

If the behavior is identified in the online class environment or via email and it is not corrected, then it may be followed by removal of your extra credit and/or a deduction of 10 percent of your final grade. Extreme measures can result in a discussion with the Dean of Students.

Participation in Face-to-Face Labs

Covid-19 and Face Coverings:

- At all UW-Stevens Point campus locations, the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in all buildings, including classrooms, laboratories, studios, and other instructional spaces. Any student with a condition that impacts their use of a face

covering should contact the [Disability and Assistive Technology Center](#) to discuss accommodations in classes. Please note that unless everyone is wearing a face covering, **in-person classes cannot take place**. This is university policy and not up to the discretion of individual instructors. Failure to adhere to this requirement could result in formal withdrawal from the course.

Other Guidance:

- Please monitor your own health each day using [this screening tool](#). If you are not feeling well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class; email your instructor and contact Student Health Service (715-346-4646).
 - As with any type of absence, students are expected to communicate their need to be absent and complete the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus.
 - Please follow campus guidance regarding vaccinated and unvaccinated students.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- Do not congregate in groups before or after class; stagger your arrival and departure from the classroom, lab, or meeting room.
- Wash your hands or use appropriate hand sanitizer regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Please maintain these same healthy practices outside the classroom.

IV. Grade Calculations

Grade Distribution:

Weekly Quizzes: 10 pts each with 9 quizzes for a total of 90 points

Discussions: 20 points each, three discussions for a total of 60 pts

Two exams midterm (40 points) and final (60 points) for a total of 100 points

Labs 9 labs, 20 points each for a total of 180 points

Midterm project (60 pts) and Final Project (40 pts) for a total of 100 points

Professionalism (timely submission of materials, attendance where applicable, respect towards other students and your professors, following class and university rules during class time) 20 points

Please note that habitually late labs, disruptive behavior may incur an additional 10% penalty.

Total 550 points

Grade	Percent	Grade	Percent
A	94-100%	C	70-74%
A-	90-93%	C-	65-69%
B+	87-89%	D+	62-64%
B	83-86%	D	55-61%
B-	80-82%	F	< 55%
C+	75-79%		

Assignments (discussion, labs, quizzes, exams, projects) which are turned in after the due date will be penalized. Assignments will not be accepted after the closing date (please see the canvas orientation video for details)

VI. Quizzes

Quizzes are online, open notes and open book. You may not work with another person. Do not take a quiz while logged into another person's computer. Do not take quizzes side by side with another classmate. Do not involve yourself in behavior that gives the appearance of cheating.

The best place to take quizzes is on campus because of the fast internet connection. If this is not possible, then choose a location where you will not be disturbed. The quizzes will time out after a while, and this will count as a quiz trial. For example, I do not recommend that you take quizzes at work if you will be called away or disturbed for long periods of time. **If you need help finding a suitable location to take your online quiz, then let me know.**

VII. Discussions

Discussion are usually 2 parts. First, you are required to post something. Second, you are required to respond to at least two other posts. Please contact me if you are having serious difficulties (personal, health, family, etc.). Discussions are further graded on accuracy of content, grammar and spelling, and civility.

Thus far, incivility has never been a problem. Please remember that you do not have to agree with the person, but you may not insult other classmates. Slurs against a person's gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation or essentially attacks against a person are not tolerated in this class or on this campus (and in professional settings). This requirement does not restrict your freedom of speech associated with expressing your opinion. Learning how to express opposing opinions without becoming emotive or insulting is an excellent skill to acquire.

Course Technology Requirements

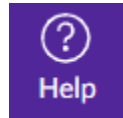
- View this website to see [minimum recommended computer and internet configurations for Canvas](#).
- You will also need access to the following tools to participate in this course.
 - o computer
 - o printer
 - o a stable internet connection (don't rely on cellular)

UWSP Technology Support

- Visit with a [Student Technology Tutor](#)
- Seek assistance from the [IT Service Desk](#) (Formerly HELP Desk)
 - o IT Service Desk Phone: 715-346-4357 (HELP)
 - o IT Service Desk Email: techhelp@uwsp.edu

Canvas Support

In canvas, Click on the



button in the global (left) navigation menu

and note the options that appear:

Support Options	Explanations
Ask Your Instructor a Question Submit a question to your instructor	Use Ask Your Instructor a Question sparingly; technical questions are best reserved for Canvas personnel and help as detailed below.
Chat with Canvas Support (Student) Live Chat with Canvas Support 24x7!	Chatting with Canvas Support (Student) will initiate a <i>text chat</i> with Canvas support. Response can be qualified with severity level.
Contact Canvas Support via email Canvas support will email a response	Contacting Canvas Support via email will allow you to explain in detail or even upload a screenshot to show your particular difficulty.
Contact Canvas Support via phone Find the phone number for your institution	Calling the Canvas number will let Canvas know that you're from UWSP; phone option is available 24/7.
Search the Canvas Guides Find answers to common questions	Searching the Canvas guides connects you to documents that are searchable by issue. You may also opt for Canvas video guides .
Submit a Feature Idea Have an idea to improve Canvas?	If you have an idea for Canvas that might make instructions or navigation easier, feel free to offer your thoughts through this Submit a Feature Idea avenue.

All options are available 24/7; however, if you opt to email your instructor, I may not be available immediately. Self-train on Canvas through the [Self-enrolling/paced Canvas training course](#)