



COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction to Remote Sensing

Lecture: DTB A104

Thursday 18:30 - 20:20

Labs: DTB A253

Tuesday 08:30 - 10:20 and 12:30 - 14:20

Wednesday 10:30 - 12:20

Thursday 08:30 - 10:20 and 14:30 - 16:20

Office Hours: Friday after 10:30

Office Location: DTB B212

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The objective of this course is to provide students with a conceptual and practical introduction to Remote Sensing (RS). We will explore air photos, remote sensing image processing and data formats in a digital environment, radiometric and geometric processing of satellite images, image enhancements, and image classification.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Theoretical: foundations of remote sensing.

Technical: state-of-the-art software, image processing, and information extraction procedures.

Practical: remote sensing and geospatial data analysis skills, remote sensing as a science and resource management tool, technical writing, and knowledge communication.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

1. Jensen, J.R. 2015. *Introductory Digital Image Processing. A Remote Sensing Perspective*. 4th Ed. Pearson Education, Inc. 656 p. **This textbook can be purchased at the UVic Bookstore. Copies are also available at the UVic Library.**

2. Mather, P.M. 2022. *Computer Processing of Remotely-Sensed Images*. 5th Ed. Wiley-Blackwell. 384 p. (available online: <http://voyager.library.uvic.ca/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=3122540>)

EVALUATION

	Component A		Component B
Mid-term Exam	25%	Lab Assignments	40%
Final Exam	35%		

To obtain a passing grade in the course (at least a “D”), students are required to pass both components of the course.

Mid-term Exam: The Mid-term Exam will cover all material up until and including Oct 10 (see course schedule below).

Final Exam: The Final Exam will cover all the material of the course and will be held according to the UVic calendar.

GRADING SYSTEM

As per the Academic Calendar:

Grade	Grade point value	Grade scale	Description
A+ A A-	9 8 7	90-100% 85-89% 80-84%	Exceptional, outstanding, and excellent 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.
B+ B B-	6 5 4	77-79% 73-76% 70-72%	Very good, good, and solid 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.
C+ C	3 2	65-69% 60-64%	Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory. These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
D	1	50-59%	Marginal Performance. A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
F	0	0-49%	Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote Final Exam and completed course requirements; no supplemental.
N	0	0-49%	Did not write Final Exam or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental.

BRIGHTSPACE

Lecture slides, announcements, and lab assignments can be accessed through Brightspace at bright.uvic.ca.

LABS

There are six lab assignments. The labs are an essential part of the course and you are expected to have basic computer skills such as file maintenance, word processing, and conducting spreadsheet operations (e.g. Microsoft Excel). Attendance is required. All labs will be held in the Geomatics Lab A251/253. Each lab will explore unique aspects of remote sensing. Analysis and presentation of data, as well as preparation of synthesis reports, are valuable skills that will be developed as part of lab assignments. Time outside of regularly scheduled labs will be required to complete assignments, so plan accordingly.

Lab Website:

<http://labs.geog.uvic.ca/geog228/>

user: geog228

password: meris

LAB ACCESS

The Geomatics Teaching Laboratory (DTB A251/A253) is open daily from 08:30 to 16:30. Access to the Laboratory is restricted after 16:30 for security purposes. You are encouraged to purchase a key fob, which will enable you to gain access to that facility after hours. The cost of a key fob is \$10.00 and you can keep it in case you take another course that uses the lab facilities. Contact Terri Evans at tevans@uvic.ca.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFO

- Geography Department website: uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/
- Geography Department Chair: geogchair@uvic.ca
- Geography Undergraduate Advising: geogadvising@uvic.ca

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	Topic	Lab
1	Sep 05	Course Introduction	No lab
2	Sep 12	Aerial Photos	Lab 1 - Air Photo
3	Sep 19	Sensors and Imagery	Lab 1 (continued)
4	Sep 26	Sensors and Imagery	Lab 2 - RS Fundamentals (Lab 1 due)
5	Oct 03	Radiometric Correction	Lab 2 (continued)
6	Oct 10	Mid-term Exam	Lab 3 - Atmos/Radiom Corrections (Lab 2 due)
7	Oct 17	Guest Lecture	Lab 3 (continued)
8	Oct 24	Geometric Correction	Lab 4 - Geometric Correction (Lab 3 due)
9	Oct 31	Image Enhancements	Lab 5 - Enhancements
10	Nov 07	Image Enhancements	Lab 5 (continued)
11	Nov 14	Image Classification	No lab
12	Nov 21	Image Classification	Lab 6 - Image Classification (Lab 5 due)
13	Nov 28	Future of Remote Sensing Course Review	Lab 6 (continued – due next week)

Additional UVic important dates can be found here: uvic.ca/calendar/dates.

DISCLAIMER

The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change without prior notice.

POLICY ON LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Lab assignments are due at the beginning of the following week's lab. The penalty for assignments handed in late is 20% per day every day after. All lab assignments must be submitted to be allowed to sit the Final Exam. Failure to submit a lab assignment will result in a failing grade of incomplete (N). Exceptions will only be granted for medical reasons. In order to request an extension related to labs or exams, you must fill out the *Undergraduate Request for In-Course Extension* document and email to your lab instructor with supporting documentation before your lab is due. More information, as well as the request form, can be found here: <https://www.uvic.ca/students/academics/academic-concessions-accommodations/request-for-academic-concession/index.php>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is every student's responsibility to be aware of the university's policies on academic integrity, including policies on **cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized use of an editor, multiple submission, and aiding others to cheat.**

Policy on Academic Integrity: 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 uvic.ca/learningandteaching/cac/index.php.

Students are expected to complete assignments independently unless otherwise instructed.

ACCESSIBILITY

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 (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.

POSITIVITY AND SAFETY

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

SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE AT UVIC

UVic takes sexualized violence seriously and has raised the bar for what is considered acceptable behaviour. We encourage students to learn more about how the university defines sexualized violence and its overall approach by visiting uvic.ca/svp. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexualized violence and needs information, advice, and/or support please contact the sexualized violence resource office in Equity and Human Rights (EQHR). Whether or not you have been directly impacted, if you want to take part in the important prevention work taking place on campus, you can also reach out:

Where: Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR; Sedgewick C119
Phone: 250.721.8021
Email: svpcoordinator@uvic.ca
Web: uvic.ca/svp

RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Victoria offers a number of resources to support international students as they pursue their studies. UVic's [International Centre for Students](#) is the primary office supporting international students on campus at the university-wide level and provides various supportive program through the [UVic Global Community Initiative](#), including a Mentorship Program and Conversation Partner Program. For academic advising-related questions, students in the Geography Department are also encouraged to meet with the Geography Undergraduate Advisor (geogadvising@uvic.ca) as well as an academic advisor in the [Academic Advising Centre](#) early in their studies to help map out a plan to declare a major and complete university program requirements. Other resources include the [Centre for Academic Communication](#) and the [Math and Stats Assistance Centre](#). International students are also encouraged to contact the International Student Liaison in Geography (Prof. CindyAnn Rose-Redwood, cindyann@uvic.ca), who can assist in making connections with other international and domestic students in the Geography Department and share opportunities for getting involved in departmental activities more broadly.

COURSE EXPERIENCE SURVEY (CES)

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 online and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

NOTE:

Take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep, and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

Counselling Services - *Counselling Services can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students.* uvic.ca/services/counselling/

Health Services - *University Health Services (UHS) provides a full-service primary health clinic for students and coordinates healthy student and campus initiatives.* uvic.ca/services/health/

Centre for Accessible Learning - *The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations* uvic.ca/services/cal/. *The sooner you let us know your needs the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.*

Elders' Voices - *The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty, and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.*
uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/index.php