GIS Certificate Program
A Program of the Joint Center for GIS and Spatial Analysis (GISSA)

Program Description
The GIS Certificate Program is designed to meet the needs of both the novice, and experienced GIS professionals. Students who graduate from this program will have a solid understanding of the theoretical basis of GIS and rich hands-on experience with GIS software packages.

Learning Outcomes
Apply and demonstrate the principles of geographic information science
Formulate requirements and constraints in spatial analysis
Complete spatial analysis with selected GIS software packages
Develop skills for designing and implementing real-world GIS applications
Gain hands-on experience with popular GIS software such as ArcGIS
Learn how to communicate effectively via mapping and graphic presentation

Application
The GIS Certificate Program is open to both matriculated and non-matriculated students at the University of Cincinnati. Students can start the program in any semester. The deadline for application is two years after completion of all required courses. However, students are strongly encouraged to contact an advisor and apply early in the process.

Requirements
To obtain a GIS certificate, a student must complete 4 required courses specified below, with a minimum grade of C (B for graduate students) in each course. The certificate will be awarded upon application and satisfactory completion of the required courses.

(1) Remote Sensing and Cartography group (Select 1, Pre-requisite: None)
   GEOG 6072 Principles and Applications of GPS
   GEOG 6074 Computer Analytical Cartography
   GEOG 6076 Principles of Remote Sensing

(2) Introduction to GIS group (Select 1, Pre-requisite: None)
   PLAN 2054 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
   PLAN 6071 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
   GEOG 6071 Introduction to Geographic Information Sciences

(3) GIS Applications Group (Select 2)
   Pre-requisite: GEOG6076
   GEOG 6087 Hyperspectral/Thermal Remote Sensing,
   Pre-requisite: any course under (1)
   GEOG 6096 Advanced Remote Sensing and Image Analysis,
   Pre-requisite: any course under Group (2)
   PLAN 6091 GIS Project Formulation and Management
   GEOG 6021 Crime Mapping and Analysis
   GEOG 6031 GIS and Public Health
   GEOG 6081 Intermediate GIS
   GEOG 6091 Advanced GIS & Web GIS
   GEOG 6089 Digital Terrain and Watershed Analysis
   GEOG 6099 Exploratory Visual Analytics
   GEOG 7091 Seminar: GIS

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Lower level courses may be replaced by upper level courses upon approval of the advisor. One of the required courses may be substituted by a similar course taken outside the program. A written petition must be submitted to Dr. Liu or Dr. Wang for such substitution, and it must include well-reasoned justifications, including a thorough comparison of content coverage between the two courses, with the syllabi attached. The petition will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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**Costs**

The cost of courses in this program is in accordance with the university’s general tuition rate. Please visit [http://www.uc.edu](http://www.uc.edu) for the current tuition rate.
GIS Certificate Program Application Form
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STUDENT NAME ___________________________ UC-ID (M#) ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

Department/College ___________________________ Program ___________________________ (G / UG)

Mailing address: ________________________________________________________________

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□ Transcripts attached.

Submit the application form and transcript to:

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Application received on: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Transcripts received on: ___________________________

Approved by: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Certificate issued on: ___________________________

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