EVR 7056 GIS in Water Resources
Department of Earth and Environment

Fall 2017

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Course Description

The course will acquaint students with the application of geospatial analysis to water resources. Both vector and raster GIS will be used to analyze and model watershed processes. Grid-based input data preparation, watershed delineation, flow analysis, routing, overland and channel flow estimation and hydrograph development will be covered. Modeling water quality in a GIS environment will be covered. The use of GIS and remote sensing in spatially distributed watershed analysis, mapping and modeling will be presented using lectures, home works and project.

Objectives

The course is designed to help students to

1. acquaint themselves with geospatial tools in watershed analysis
2. create and process spatial data for hydrologic modeling
3. acquire hydrologic input parameters from remotely-sensed data
4. understand modeling protocols in geospatial hydrology
5. understand and use geospatial statistics in watershed analysis
6. analyze spatial flow, runoff and water balance

Prerequisite: EVR 4934/GIS 5050 or equivalent, EVR 4962 or equivalent or permission of instructor

Text:

ESRI. 2002. ArcHydro: GIS for Water Resources. Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Redlands, CA.

Additional Reference

Gurnell, A. M. and D. R. Montgomery. 2000. Hydrological applications of GIS. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. N.Y., NY.

GRADING:

Attendance	5%
4 Home works	25%
Class Exercises	20%
Final Project	50%

A	90-100
B+	88-89
B	80-87
C+	78-79
C	70-77
D+	68-69
D	55-67
F	<55

- Students are required to attend classes regularly
- Late home works will be subjected to point deductions
- Two power point presentations (proposal and final result) and a final report will be required

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COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Lec. #	Topic
Week 1 08/24	1	Course Overview Introduction to Hydrology, Hydrological cycles, processes and water balance
	2	Review of ArcGIS **Homework 1**
Week 2 08/31	3	Review of ArcGIS cont.
	4	**Exercise 1: Displaying, querying and editing hydrological data**
Week 3 09/07	5	Geodesy, coordinate systems, georeferencing and map projections: working with georeferenced data **Homework 1 Due** **Reading Assignment: GIS database and analysis**
	6	**Exercise 2: Water balance of Lake Okeechobee and Water Conservation Areas in a spatial context** Creating maps and reprojection
Week 4 09/14	7	Spatial and non-spatial data sources for water resources **Exercise 3: Working with hydrological data from DBHYDRO, SFWMD and other sources** **Homework 2** **Reading Assignment: Surface water hydrology and GIS**
	8	Raster GIS and Geospatial data analysis
Week 5 09/21	9	**Exercise 4: Spatial analysis using grids**
	10	Terrain analysis using grid **Exercise 5: Terrain analysis** **Homework 2 Due**
Week 6 09/28	11	Watershed and stream network delineation Digital Elevation Models Sink filling, stream burning, Flow direction, flow accumulation
	12	ArcHydro functions over view Contributing area and stream network Flow length Watershed delineation Model Builder **Reading Assignment: Floodplain management and GIS**
Week 7 10/05	13	**Exercise 6: Sink filling, stream burning, flow direction, flow accumulation and steam delineation**
	14	Project proposal presentation
Week 8 10/12	15	Project proposal presentation

	16	**Exercise 7: Watershed processing**
Week 9 10/19	17	Storm runoff modeling Concept of excess rainfall Interception, infiltration Curve number **Homework 3** **Reading Assignment: Groundwater hydrology and GIS**
	18	**Exercise 8: Runoff depth computation**
Week 10 10/26	19	Soil erosion and water quality issues **Reading assignment: Water quality and GIS**
	20	**Exercise 9: Soil erosion estimation using GIS tools** **Homework 3 due**
Week 11 11/02	21	**Exercise 10: Water quality analysis using the Simple Method** **Homework 4**
	22	GIS and Remote sensing integration Electromagnetic spectrum Sensors and platform
Week 12 11/09	23	Impervious surface area mapping and storm runoff response **Homework 4 Due**
	24	Evapotranspiration (ET) modeling Empirical techniques Soil water balance Surface energy balance, remote sensing based ET **Reading assignment: water resources monitoring and forecasting**
Week 13 11/16	25 26	**Work on Final Project**
Week 14 11/23		**Thanks Giving: No Class**
Week 15 11/30	27	Final project presentation
	28	Final project presentation