SYLLABUS--GEOGRAPHY (GEOG) 403 (U/G, 4 credits)
REMOTE SENSING: Environmental and Land Use Analysis
Spring 2010
Lecture: Tuesday-Thursday 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (BOL B95)
Lab: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 1:00-2:50 p.m. (BOL 435 or BOL 296)
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This course is designed to explore basic applications of remotely-sensed data in the evaluation of geographical problems. Material regarding the theories and principles of remote sensing, types of sensors, and analysis of remote sensing data will be addressed, along with specific applications to atmospheric, geophysical, biological, and cultural patterns. In addition, the student will become familiar with image processing functions of the IDRISI software, and be introduced to ERDAS IMAGINE (advanced image processing software). More information is available at http://people.uwm.edu/mds/course/403/

COURSE POLICIES
1. Evaluation (undergraduates and graduates will be evaluated separately)
UNDERGRADUATES: Grades will be assigned on the basis of the total points accumulated from tests, lab exercises, and discussion/participation throughout the semester (530 possible). These will consist of 3 equally weighted exams (100 points each), lab exercises (total of 200 points), and discussion/participation, including lecture attendance (total of 30 points).
GRADUATE STUDENTS: In addition to the above requirements, graduate students will prepare a 10 page (2500 word minimum) paper with at least one publication quality color figure on a project using remote sensing in a geographic application, and a short talk (about 10 minutes) about their project that will be presented to the class. These will be worth 50 and 20 points, respectively. Therefore graduate students will be graded based on 600 points.

The percentages necessary to receive certain grades will be no higher than the following:
88%--(A-)  78%--(B-)  68%--(C-)  58%--(D-)

2. Notices: Grades, once given, are final except in cases of clerical error. Do not use a red pencil or pen to write exam answers. All tests must be taken as scheduled; make-ups are given in case of documented student illness or other emergency only. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor when an exam or other course requirement will be missed. If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact me as soon as possible. Do your own work...plagiarism and cheating are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Additional information regarding the policies and procedures applicable to this course are available on-line (http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLinks.pdf) and posted in the Geography Dept. main office, BOL410. In the event of disruption of normal classroom activities due to an H1N1 swine flu outbreak, the format for this course may be modified to enable completion of the course. In that event, you will be provided an addendum to this syllabus that will supersede this version.
TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE and Readings

Text Chapters (Jensen)

Jan.  
26-T-Introduction and course procedures  
Basics and History of Remote Sensing  
28-R-Cameras, Films, and Filters  
Characteristics of Images and Scale  
Fundamentals of Image Interpretation  
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Feb.  
2-T-Fundamentals of Image Interpretation (continued)  
4-R-Fundamentals of Image Interpretation (continued)  
Applications of Aerial photographs  
9-T-Electromagnetic Radiation and Radiation Laws  
11-R-Radiation, Emission, and Reflection  
16-T-Satellite Basics  
18-R-LANDSAT Thematic mapper and SPOT  
23-T-Introduction to Windows and IDRISI

25-R-EXAM ONE

Mar.  
2-T-Review Exam One, Image Processing with IDRISI  
4-R-Image Processing with IDRISI (continued)
Mar.  
9-T-Image Processing with IDRISI (continued)  
11-R-Passive Scanners, Thermal and Microwave

16-T-Radar, SLAR, and LIDAR  
18-R-Geographic Information Systems and Image Georegistration

23-T and 25-R-NO CLASS--SPRING BREAK

30-T-Introduction to ERDAS

Apr.  
1-R-Introduction to ERDAS (continued)  
6-T-Weather and Climate Applications  
8-R-EXAM TWO

13-T-Review Exam Two, High Res. Applications using a digital camera (Guest Lecture)  
15-R-Archaeological Applications (Guest Lecture)  
20-T-Weather and Climate Applications (continued)  
22-R-Weather and Climate Applications (continued)  
27-T-Limnological Applications (Guest Lecture)  
29-R-Urban Applications (Guest Lecture)

May  
4-T-Geological and Soil Applications  
6-R-Agricultural, Forestry, and Resource Applications  
11-T-Graduate Student Presentations  
13-R-Graduate Student Presentations, Course Review and Evaluations

20-Thursday-EXAM THREE- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Laboratory Schedule

Note: Lab meetings are in BOL 296 unless otherwise noted!

January 26-28-No labs this week

February 2-4-Lab #1 Introduction to Image Interpretation. (BOL 435, 10 points)

9-11-Lab #2 Air Photos as Quantitative Data (BOL 435, 25 points)

16-18-Lab #2 continued (BOL 435)

23-25-Lab #3 E-M Emission and Multi-spectral Reflectance (BOL 435, 15 pnts.)

March 2-4-Lab #4 Introduction to IDRISI (20 points)

9-11-Lab #5 Image Processing with IDRISI (30 points)

16-18-Lab #6 Thermal and Microwave Remote Sensing (15 points)

23-25-NO CLASS--SPRING BREAK

April 6-8-Lab #7 GIS applications (20 points)

13-15-Lab #8 Urban and Land Use (20 points)

20-22-Lab #9 Weather and Climate (15 points)

27-29-Lab #10 Agriculture and Forestry (15 points)

May 4-6-Lab #11 Geology and Soils (15 points)

11-13-Open Labs this week