

# GEOG 2475: Geographic Information Systems I

## Lecture 01 Introduction

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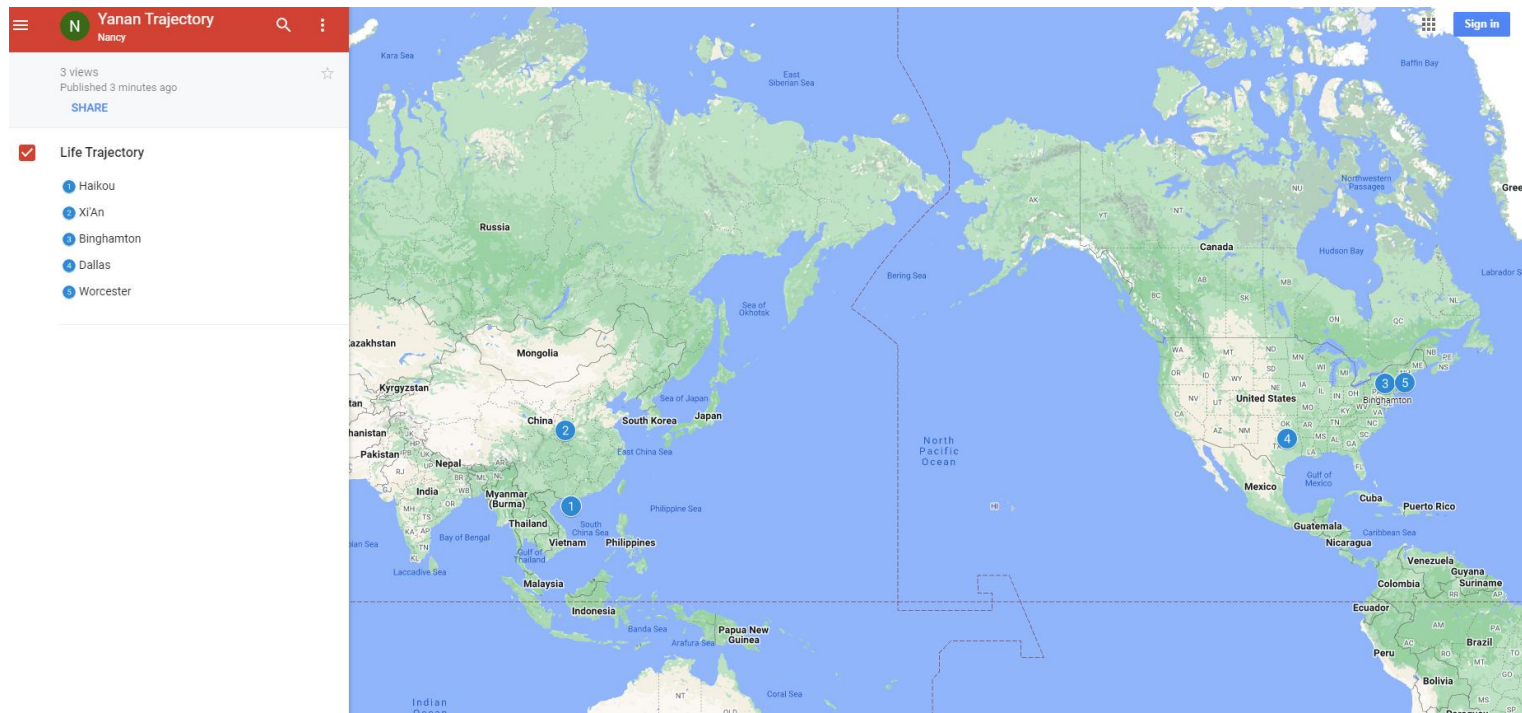
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# Overview

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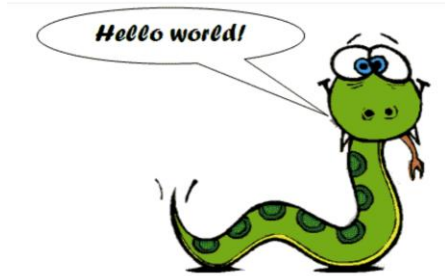
- Introduction
  - ✓ Who am I?
  - ✓ Who you are?
- Course overview and expectations
  - ✓ Syllabus
- Software
  - ✓ ArcGIS Pro
  - ✓ Inkscape
- What is GIS?
- Functions of GIS
- GIS components
- GIS applications
- Careers in GIS

# Who am I?



# Past Teaching Experience

- **Python Programming**



1. **Manipulating Spatial Data**
2. **Web Mapping**
3. **Processing Raster**
4. **Data Analysis**
5. **Creating Custom Tool**
6. **Data Visualization**
7. **...**

- **Spatial Database**



1. **Geodatabase**
2. **SQL**
3. **Proximity Analysis**
4. **Geometry processing**
5. **Raster processing**
6. **PostSQL with python**
7. **...**

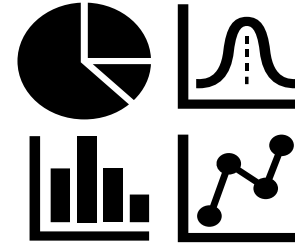
# Past Teaching Experience

- **Web Mapping**



1. HTML
2. CSS
3. JS
4. Python Web Mapping
5. R Web Mapping
6. ArcGIS Maps for JavaScript
7. ...

- **Intermediate Statistics**



1. Bivariate regression
2. Logistics regression
3. PCA
4. GWR
5. Spatial Autocorrelation
6. ...

# Teaching in UCA

- **GIS I**



1. **Spatial Data**
2. **GIS software**
3. **Geodatabase**
4. **Cartography**
5. **Raster**
6. **Programming in GIS**
7. **...**

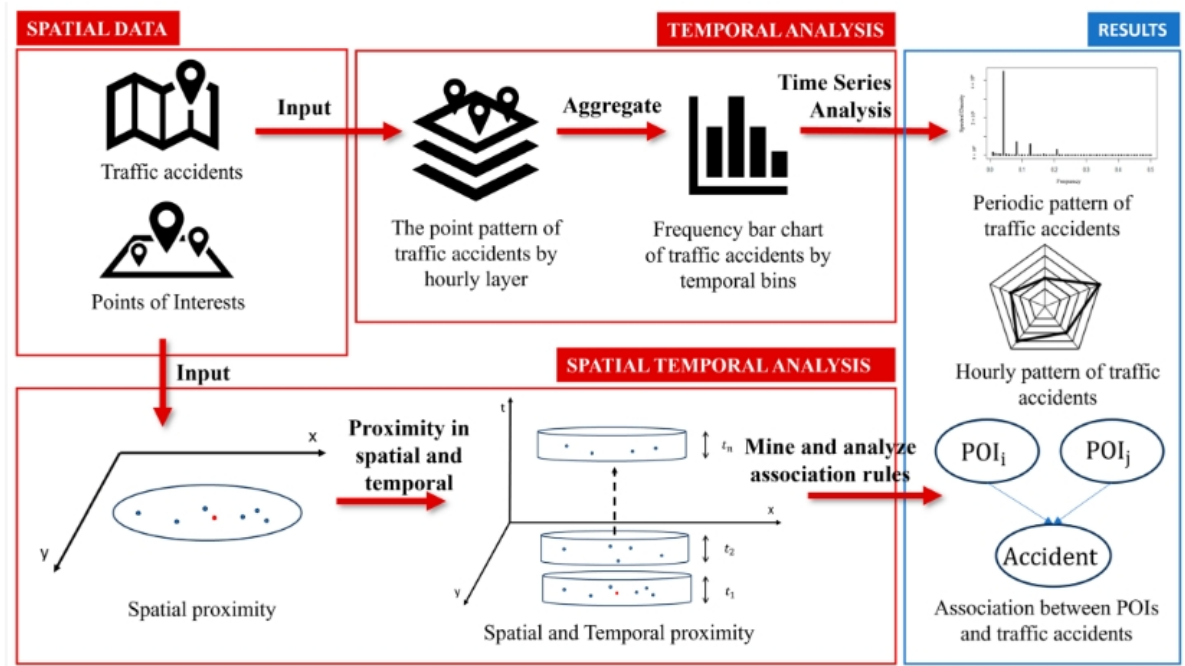
- **Geographic Field Techniques**



1. **GPS**
2. **Drone**
3. **Esri Mobile App**
4. **Field Map**
5. **Survey 123**
6. **ArcGIS Dashboard**
7. **...**

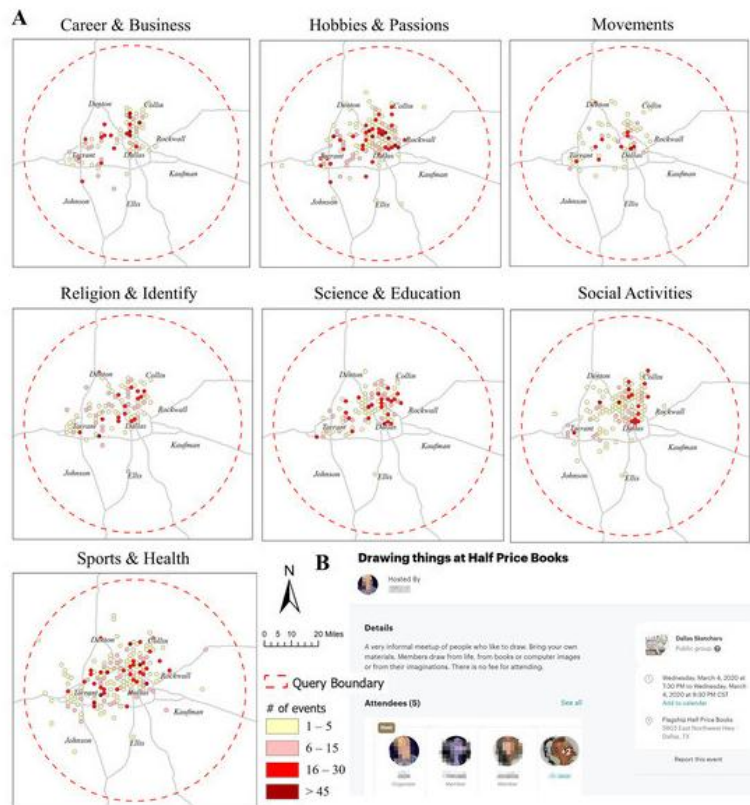
# Research

## ✓ Repetitive Pattern of Traffic Accidents in City of Dallas, TX



# Research

- What Local Environments Drive Opportunities for Social Events?



## NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

**Spatial Entity Recognition** - Extracting street names affected by flooding using NLP.

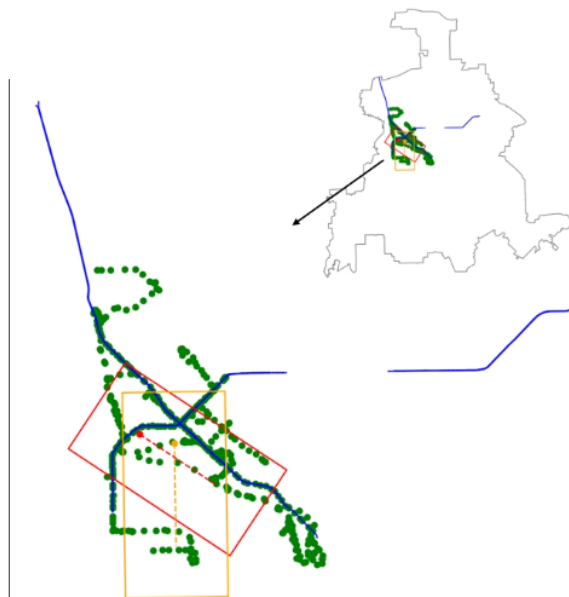
**Input: Text**

**Narrative from Dallas Police Department Report**

1. Dallas PD closed portions of **Mockingbird Lane** near **Harry Hines** due to high water.

**Output: Entity Recognition**

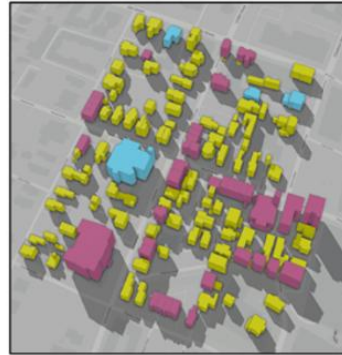
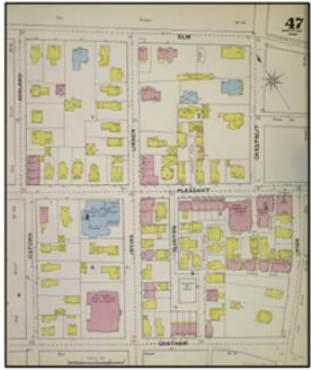
Flooding area:  
Red polygon and Orange polygon



# Research

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## ✓ Sanborn Historical Map



# About you

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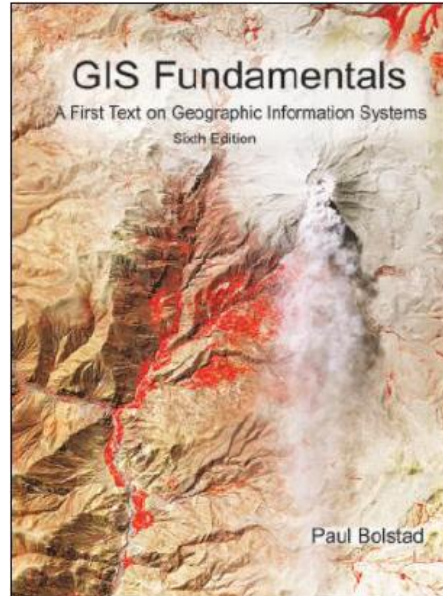
- Your background (e.g., name, major)
- Share something from your summer break
- What relevant experience do you have with GIS?
- What are your expectations for this course?

# Course overview and expectations

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- Book

- ✓ *GIS Fundamentals* by Paul Bolstad (ISBN-10: 978-0971764736; ISBN-13: 0971764735)

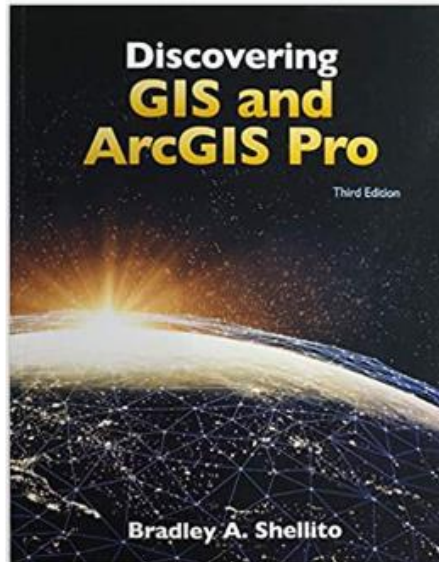


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- Book

- ✓ *Discovering GIS and ArcGIS Pro* by Bradley A. Shellito (ISBN-10: 131923075X; ISBN-13: 978-1319230753)

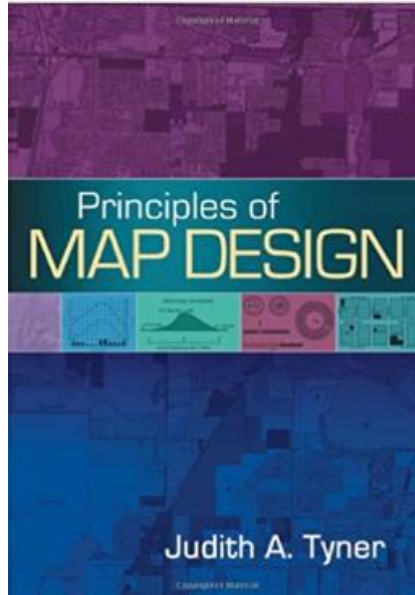


# Course overview and expectations

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- Book

- ✓ *Principles of Map Design* by Judith A. Tyner. (ISBN 978-1-60623-544-7, 978-1-4625-1712-1)



# Software

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- Windows system

- ✓ Software requirement: Microsoft .NET
- ✓ Hardware requirement: <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/get-started/arcgis-pro-system-requirements.htm>

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Course Structure (4-credit)

### ✓ Lecture (TR 10:50- 12:05 pm)

- Interactive and inclusive environment
- Feel free at any time during lecture to ask a question and make a comment
- Lecture will be recorded and delivered to the students if necessary

### ✓ Lab exercise (TR: 12:15- 1:30 pm)

- Work individually on the in-class exercise
- Guidance will be provided; demonstration will be provided if necessary
- When submit exercise, copy questions in the lab and provide answers in a word file
- Feel free at any time to ask a question

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Course Structure

### ✓ Exam

- Middle exam delivery on blackboard
  - Multiple choice, true/false, and short answers
- Exam time is specified, may be different with the University one
- One page and one side of A4 cheat sheet is allowed

### ✓ Final project

- For 4-credit version of this course only
- Design your own research, get your own data, process the data, generate maps, and write a final report
- You can refer to the previous exercise to get help

# Course Schedule

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- Oct. 13-17
  - ✓ Arkansas GIS User Forum: no class & lab
- Oct. 20-24
  - ✓ Midterm and project proposal
- Oct. 27-31
  - ✓ SWAAG conference
- Nov. 24-28
  - ✓ Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1-5
  - ✓ Project analysis
- Dec. 8-12
  - ✓ Final Presentation

# Course overview and expectations

## ○ Grading (20% later deduction)

✓ 4-credit version

Table 2 Grade distribution for 4-credit version

Item	Description	Detail	Points
Lab exercises	10 <u>labs</u> @ 60 points each	10 lab exercises. Each will be provided with guidelines. In each lab, there are ~10-30 questions to answer.	600
Midterm Exam	1 midterm	Exam will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answers.	150
Project	1 project report & 1 final presentation	<b>1. Project report (50 points)</b> a. Introduction (10 points) b. Data (10 points) c. Interpretation of the map (10 points) d. Result (10 points) e. (10 points) <b>2. Final presentation (100 points)</b>	150
Total			900 Points

# Course overview and expectations

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- Grading (20% later deduction)
  - ✓ 4-credit version

**Table 3 Grade Scale for 4-credit version**

90%- 100%	A	> 810 points
80%- 90%	B	> 720 Points
70%- 80%	C	> 630 Points
60%- 70%	D	> 540 Points
0%- 60%	F	< 540 Points

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Late penalty for lab

- ✓ Labs that are not turned in by the due date can be turned in up to 2 days late with a 20% penalty. Labs will not be accepted after this 2-day period.

## ○ Midterm exam

- ✓ Make-up exams for absences due to any other reason will be at the discretion of the instructor.
- ✓ You must notify the instructor beforehand if you need to miss an exam, the instructor will not let you make up an exam without prior notification.

## ○ Final presentation

- ✓ The final presentation cannot be rescheduled. You are expected to do the final presentation at the time specified.

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Attendance

- ✓ Prolonged absence from class will inhibit your understanding of the lecture material and prevent you from receiving help on assignments
- ✓ We may do some bonus exercises during the class time. If you are not shown up, you simply lose it
- ✓ Up to 3 times of absence may result in moving out from this class
- ✓ If you cannot attend class, please contact me before class
- ✓ Sick leave is acceptable, please contact me for re-arranging lab exercise etc.

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Feedback Response Time

- ✓ The instructor generally replies to emails within 48 hours, except during holidays.
- ✓ Often the instructor replies much more quickly, but you should not count on a same-day reply.
- ✓ Please plan accordingly so that you don't miss deadlines.

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Classroom Etiquette

- ✓ Switch cell phones off and place them out of view. Do not use phones during class. Resist the impulse!
- ✓ Computers are permitted for notetaking only.
- ✓ Do not sleep in class or leave once a lecture has started.
- ✓ Do not pack up and prepare to leave until the instructor has indicated that class is over
- ✓ No eCigarettes permitted in the classroom.
- ✓ You are encouraged to think critically and ask stimulating questions, but always respect your fellow students and your instructor.

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Evaluations

- ✓ Student evaluations of a course and its professor are a crucial element in helping faculty achieve excellence in the classroom and the institution in demonstrating that students are gaining knowledge.
- ✓ Students will receive evaluation notification from university.

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Structure

### ✓ In-person

- Lecture
- Lab
- Middle (delivery through Blackboard)
- Office hour
  - MW 10:00 am to 11:50 am
  - Location: Lewis 154

### ✓ May Change!

- Please regularly check your Blackboard and or email

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ After this course

- ✓ explain GIS principles and concepts
- ✓ acquire the knowledge of how computers store spatial data using the vector and raster data structures
- ✓ find geospatial data using the web
- ✓ apply cartographic principles to symbolize and classify geographic data
- ✓ produce audience-oriented maps using spatial data
- ✓ build geodatabase and query attribute table
- ✓ geocode address
- ✓ conduct basic spatial analyses
- ✓ gain experience of GIS software (ESRI ArcGIS)

# Course overview and expectations

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## ○ Contact Info

✓ Lewis 154

✓ Office Hour:

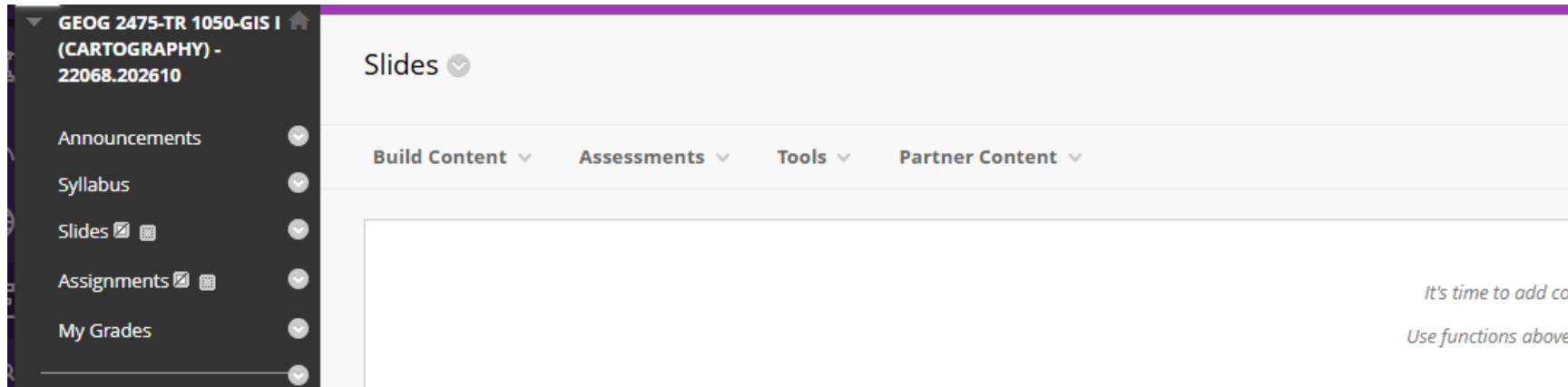
- MW 10:00-11:50 am

✓ Email: [ywu@uca.edu](mailto:ywu@uca.edu)

# Course overview and expectations

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- Place for slides, and submitting lab exercise



# Course overview and expectations

- Place for slides, and submitting lab exercise

GEOG 2475-TR 1440-CARTOGRAPHY - 22068.202310 Online Classroom

Success: Assignment created.

Online Classroom

Build Content ▾ Assessments ▾ Tools ▾ Partner Content ▾

Slides ▾

Lab exercise ▾

Assignment ▾

Announcements

Syllabus

Online Classroom

Discussions

My Grades

My Instructor

Email

Calendar

Media Gallery

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# Software

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- ArcGIS Pro installed on Mac/other computer

Mac

ESRI <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/get-started/run-pro-on-a-mac.htm>

Harvard

<https://gis.harvard.edu/faq/how-installing-arcgis-desktop-or-pro-mac-computer>

Other PCs (e.g., Chromebook, Microsoft surface)

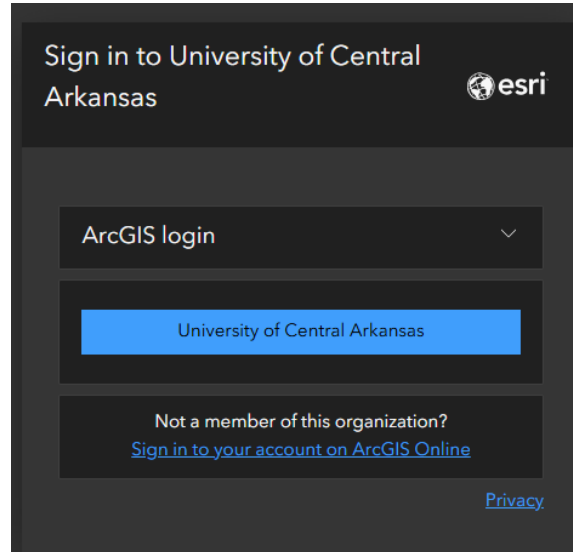
Please talk with/email to me

# Software – ArcGIS Online

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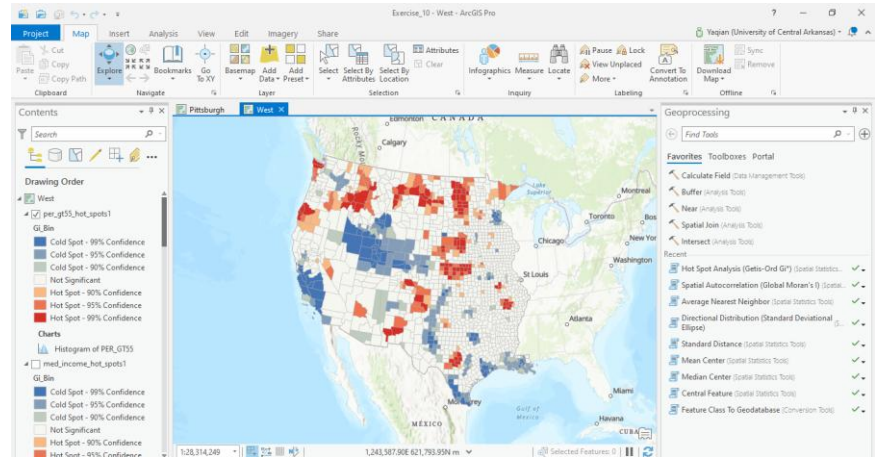
- ArcGIS Online

- ✓ Log in ArcGIS online <https://uca.edu/geography/gis/>



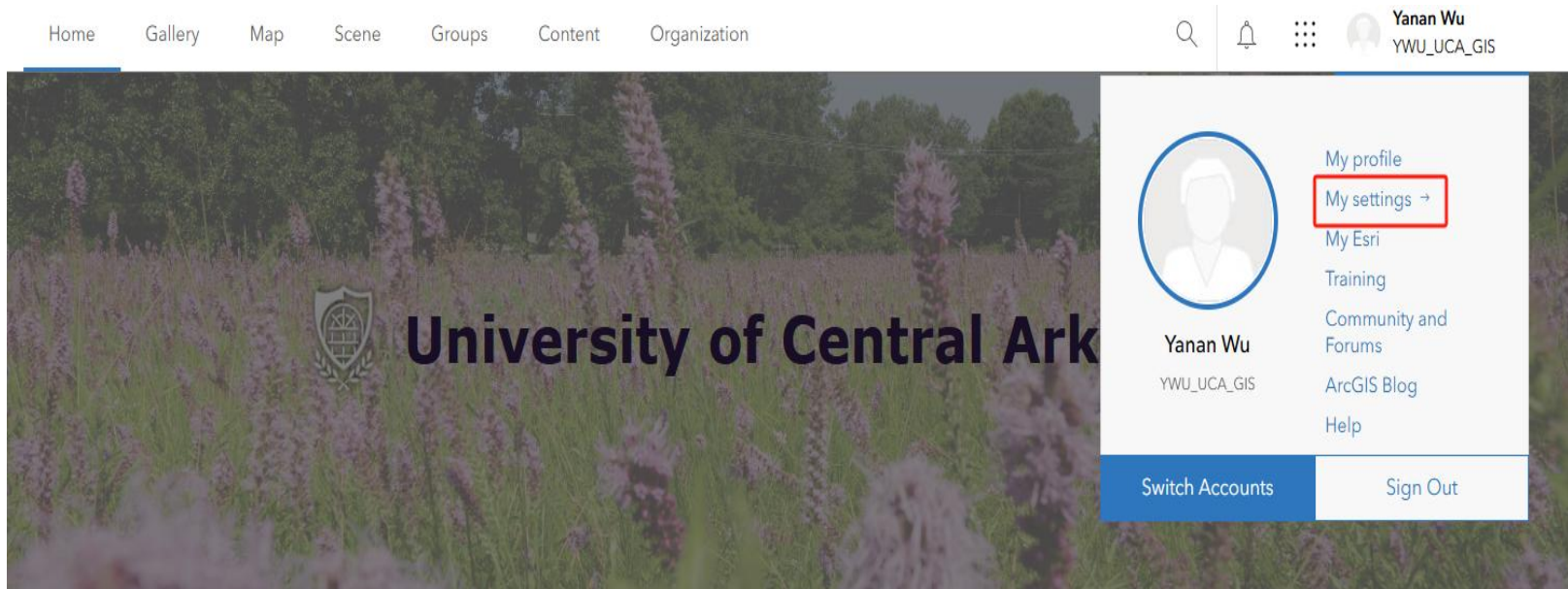
# Software – ArcGIS Pro

## ○ ESRI ArcGIS Pro



# Software

- ArcGIS Pro installed in your own PC



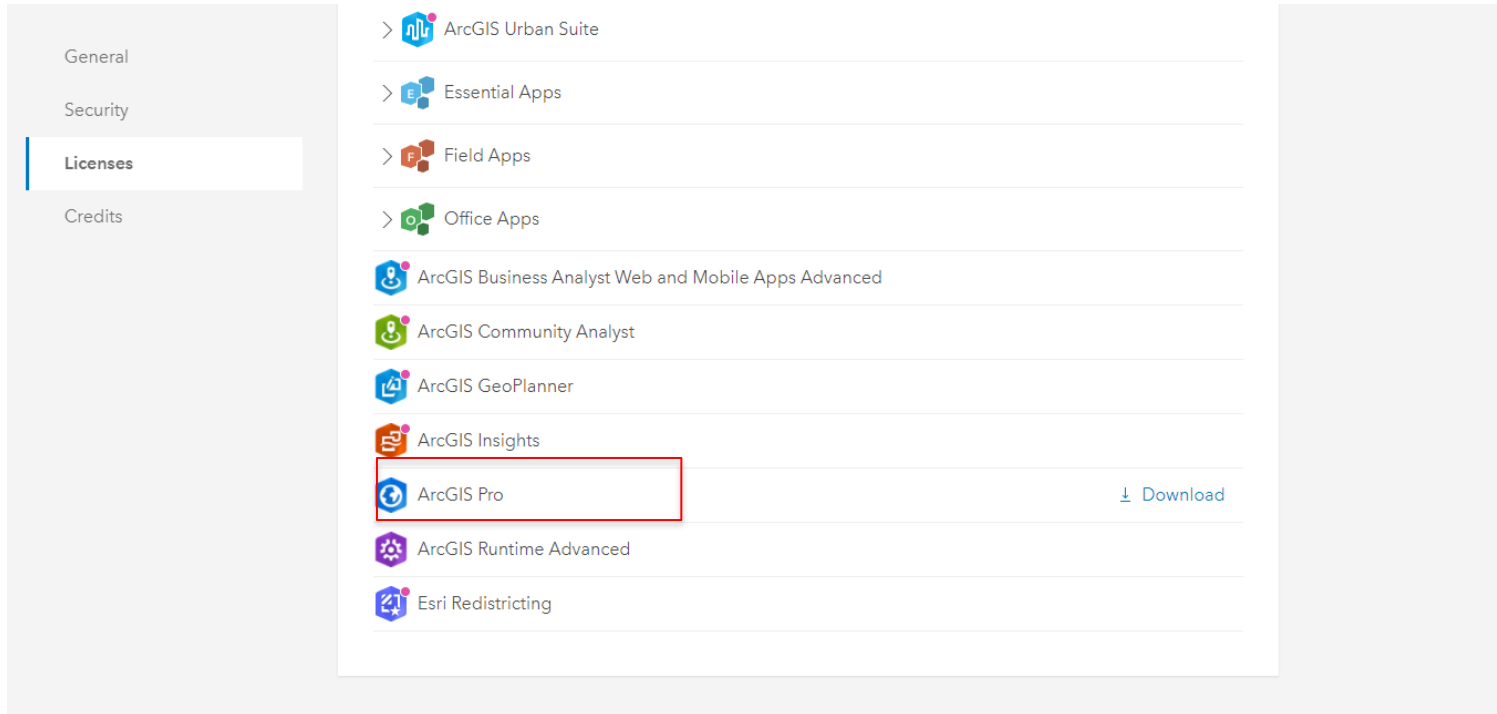
# Software

## ○ ArcGIS Pro installed in your own PC

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Pro user interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Home, Gallery, Map, Scene, Groups, Content, and Organization. On the right side of this bar are icons for search, notifications, a settings menu, and a user profile for Yanan Wu (YWU\_UCA\_GIS). Below the navigation bar is a blue header for 'My settings'. On the left, a sidebar menu shows 'General', 'Licenses' (highlighted with a red rectangle), and 'Credits'. The main content area is titled 'Licenses' and features a search bar for 'Licensed products'. Below this, a list of licenses is shown, including 'Essential Apps', 'Field Apps', 'Office Apps', 'ArcGIS Business Analyst Web and Mobile Apps', 'ArcGIS Business Analyst Web App Standard and Mobile', and 'ArcGIS CityEngine'. An 'Add-on license' link is visible in the top right of the license list area.

# Software

## ○ ArcGIS Pro installed in your own PC




# ArcGIS online account

## ○ ArcGIS Pro

ArcGIS Sign In

ArcGIS Pro wants to access your ArcGIS Online account information ?

Sign in



ArcGIS login


Your ArcGIS organization's URL


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.maps.arcgis.com


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 ArcGIS Pro


Home


Learning Resources


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 Map

 Catalog

 Global Scene


 Local Scene


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Open another project

Recent Templates

Learn more about creating project templates

Start with another template

 **Yanan** - University of Central Arkansas

[Sign out](#) <https://www.arcgis.com/>

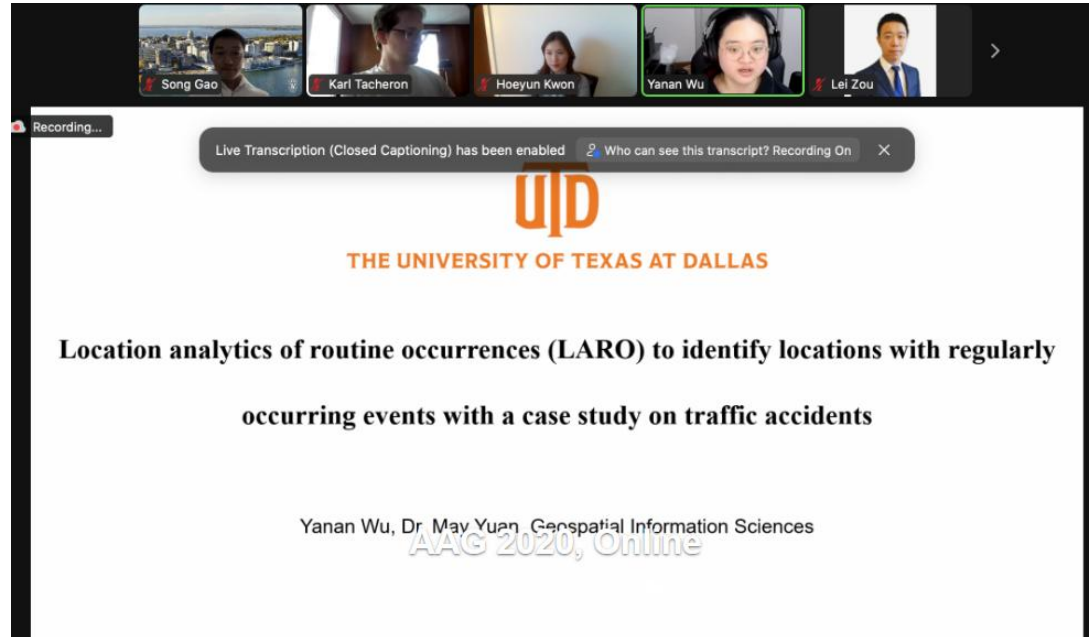
# Conference

- Arkansas GIS Users Forum
- SWAAG Conference
  - Student Competition
  - Geobowl



# Conference

- AAG Conference
  - Awards and grants



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there is a row of five video thumbnails for participants: Song Gao, Karl Tacheron, Hoeyun Kwon, Yanan Wu (highlighted with a green border), and Lei Zou. Below the thumbnails, a status bar indicates "Recording..." and "Live Transcription (Closed Captioning) has been enabled". The main content area displays a presentation slide from The University of Texas at Dallas. The slide features the university's logo and the text "THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS". The title of the presentation is "Location analytics of routine occurrences (LARO) to identify locations with regularly occurring events with a case study on traffic accidents". At the bottom of the slide, the presenter's name is listed as "Yanan Wu, Dr. May Yuan, Geospatial Information Sciences". A watermark "AAG 2020, Online" is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Recording...

Live Transcription (Closed Captioning) has been enabled Who can see this transcript? Recording On

**UTD**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

**Location analytics of routine occurrences (LARO) to identify locations with regularly occurring events with a case study on traffic accidents**

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# What is a **GIS**? *No easy answer anymore!*

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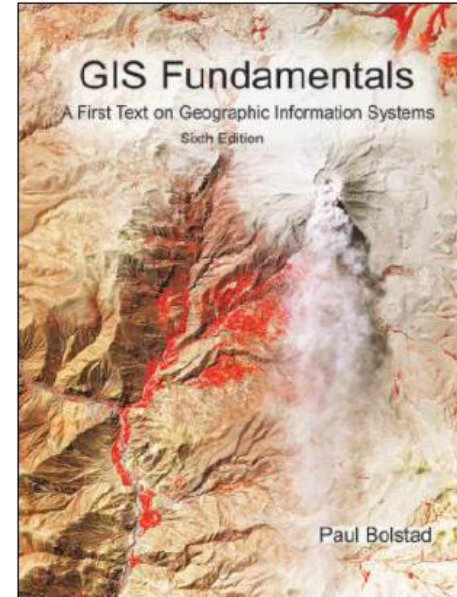
- Geographic Information
  - information about places on the earth's surface
  - knowledge about “what is where when”
- GIS--what's in the **S**?
  - Systems: the technology
  - Science: the concepts and theory

# GI Systems

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*A computer-based system to aid in the collection, maintenance, storage, analysis, output, and distribution of spatial data and information*

-Paul Bolstad

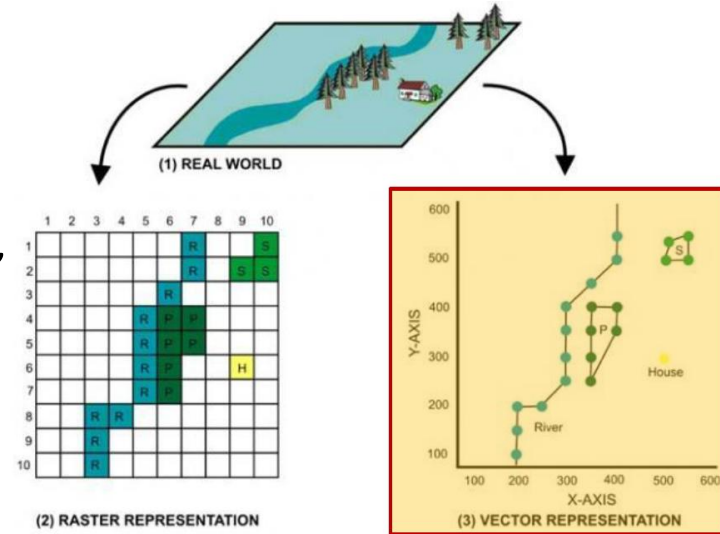


[https://www.xanedu.com/higher-education/educators/custom-books%20catalog/gis\\_fundamentals/](https://www.xanedu.com/higher-education/educators/custom-books%20catalog/gis_fundamentals/)

# GI Science

*Geographic Information Science focuses the generic issues that surround the use of GIS technology, impede its successful implementation, or emerge from an understanding of its potential capabilities.*

- Michael Goodchild



<https://sqlserverrider.wordpress.com/tag/raster-graphics/>

# GI technologies

## 3S

### Global Positioning Systems

#### Remote Sensing RS



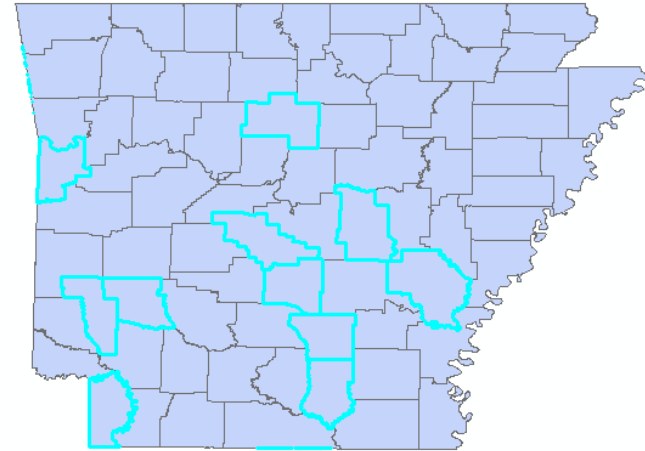
<https://landsat.usgs.gov/landsat-8>

#### GPS



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#### GIS



# GI technologies

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## 3S

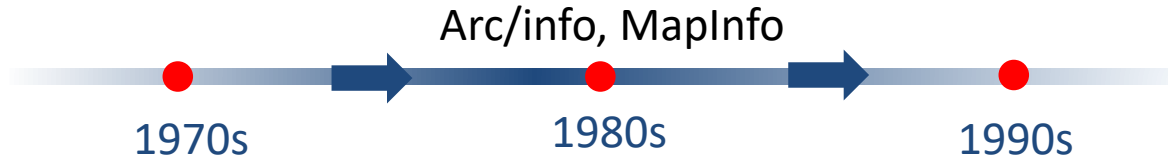
- RS
  - use of satellites or aircraft to capture information about the earth's surface
- GPS
  - a system of earth-orbiting satellites which can provide precise location on the earth's surface (in lat/long coordinates or equiv.)

*GPS and RS are sources of input data for a GIS*

# History



Harvard Laboratory for  
Computer Graphics:  
SYMAP



<https://www.esri.com/en-us/what-is-gis/history-of-gis>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic\\_information\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_information_system)

# Functions of a GIS

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1. Capture
2. Store
3. Query
4. Analyze
5. Display

# Functions: *Capture*



<https://landsat.usgs.gov/landsat-8>



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# Functions: *Store*

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Local disk



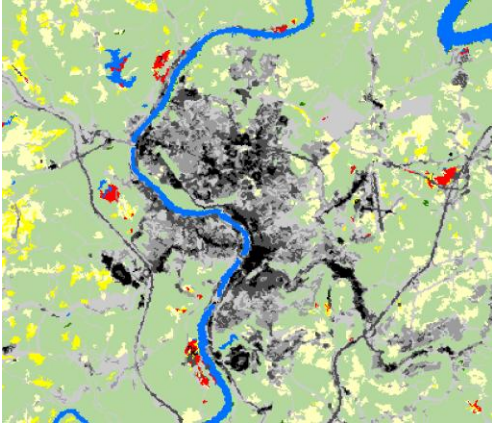
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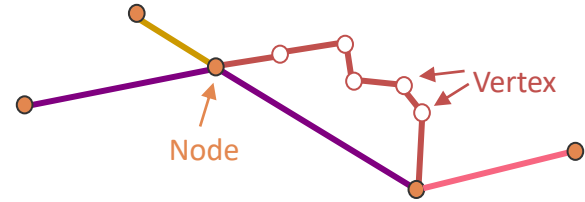
Cloud

# Functions: *Store*

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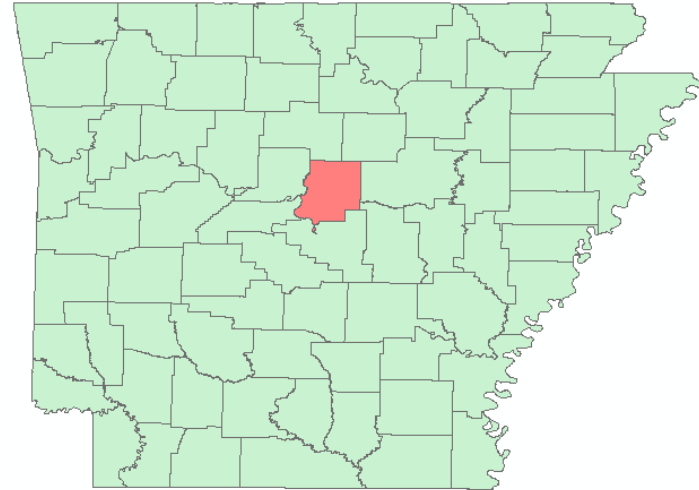
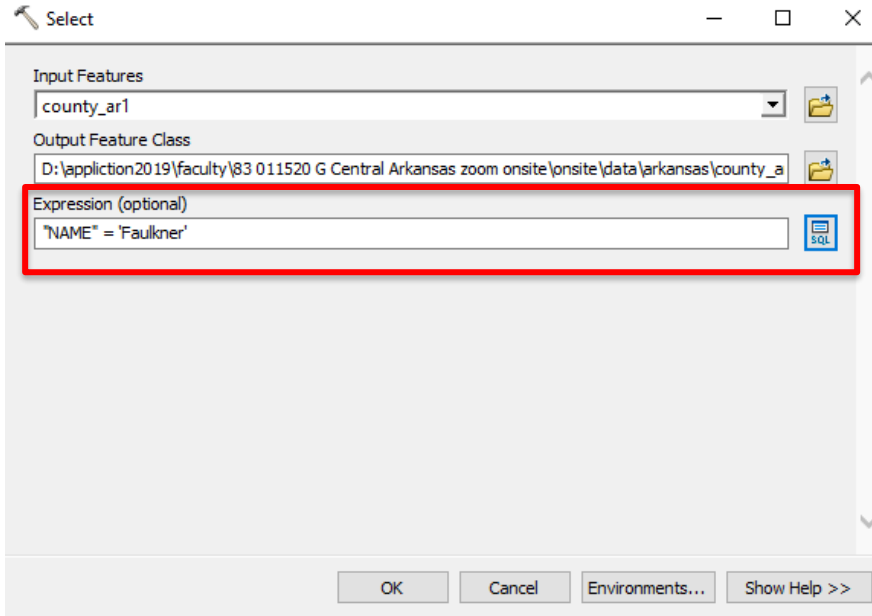
Raster



Vector

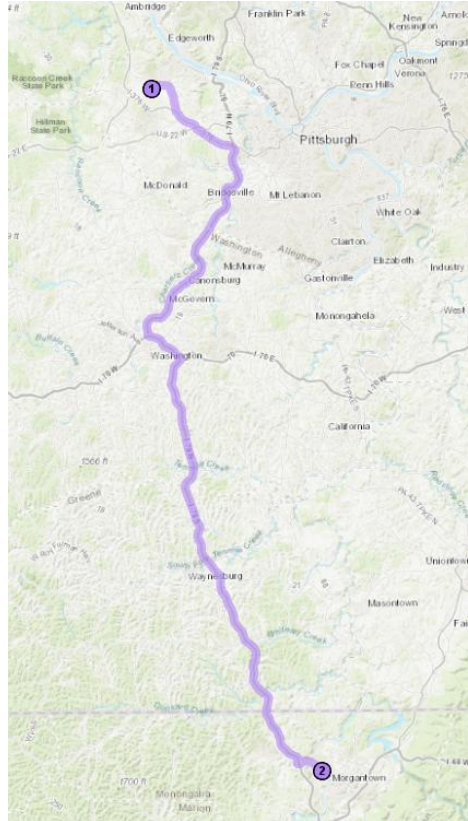
# Functions: *Query*

## Structured Query Language (SQL)

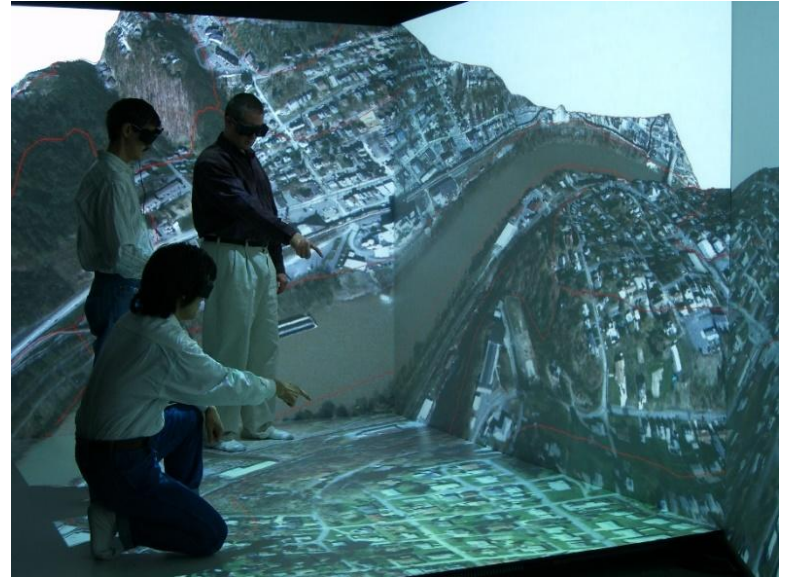
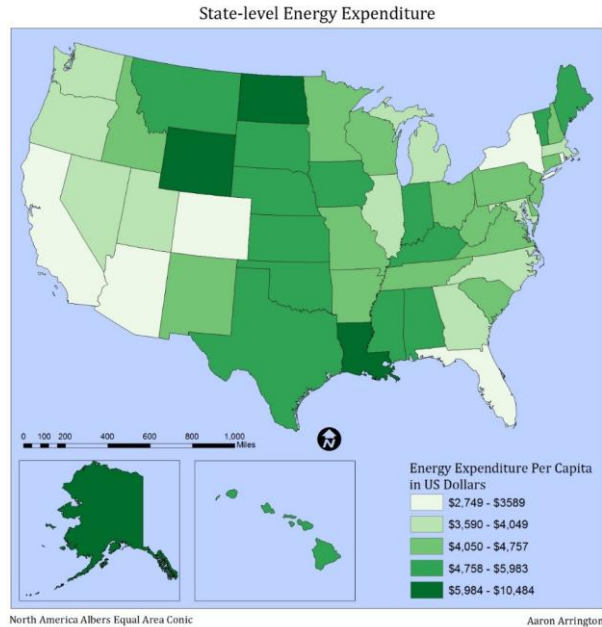


# Functions: *Analyze*

1. Directions
2. Buffer
3. Proximity
4. Suitability
5. Likelihood
6. Best locations
7. Worst locations
8. Etc.



# Functions: *Display*



Virtual Reality

# Components of a GIS

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1. People
2. Data
3. Hardware
4. Software
5. Methods/Protocol



[https://www.rst2.org/ties/GENTOOLS/comp\\_gis.html](https://www.rst2.org/ties/GENTOOLS/comp_gis.html)

# Components: *People*

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<https://www.argisusers.org/>



<http://www.aag.org/>



<https://www.asprs.org/>



**GIS Certification Institute**

<https://www.gisci.org/>



<https://www.esri.com/training/>

# Components: *People*

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## ○ Department of Geography @UCA

### Programs

#### **Undergraduate Majors**

Geography

Geospatial Concentration

Environmental Science – Planning & Administration

#### **Undergraduate Minors**

Geography

GIS

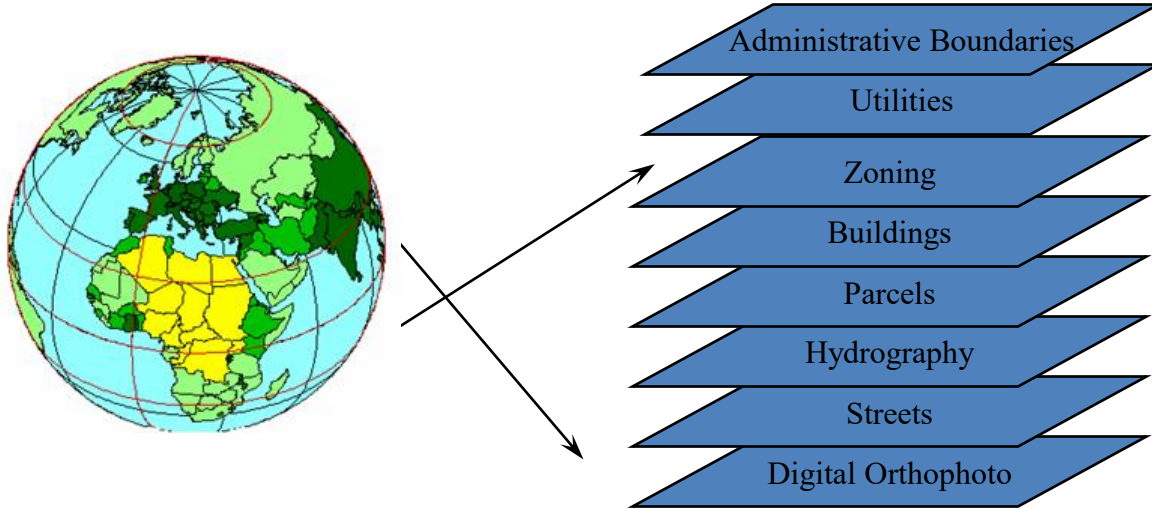
#### **Graduate**

Master of GIS

GIS Certificate

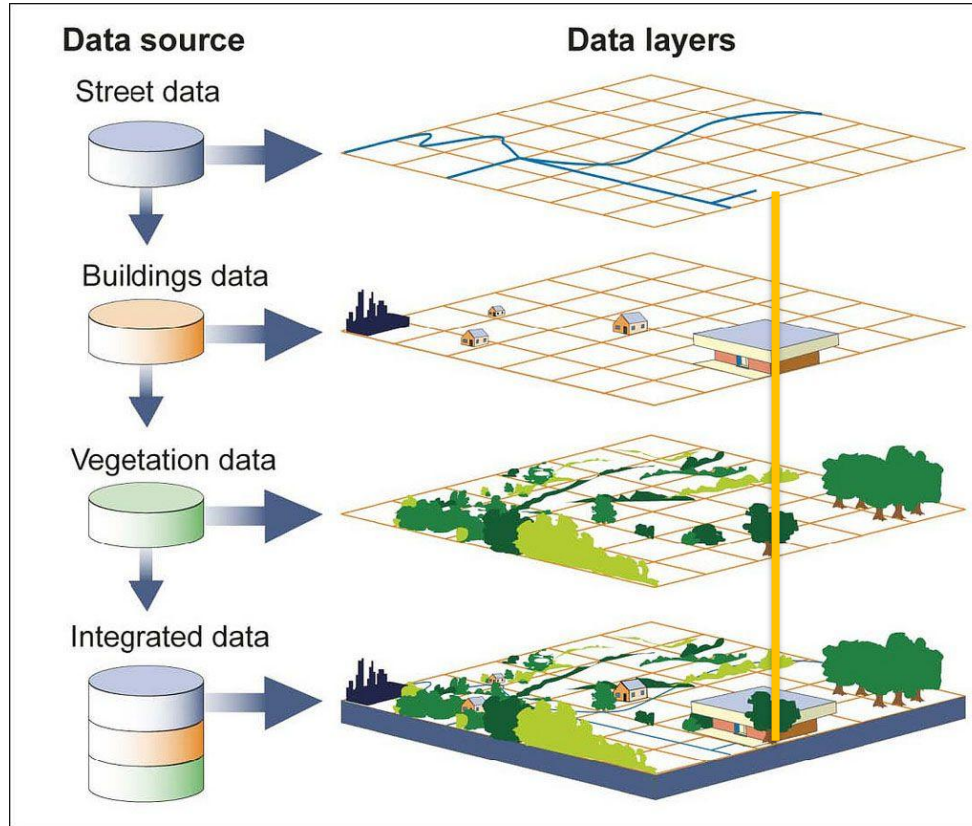
# Components: *Data*

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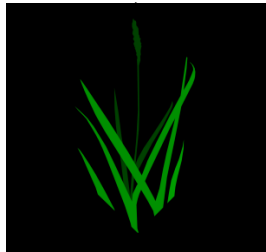
- Data is organized by layers, coverages or themes, *with each layer representing a common feature.*
- Layers are integrated using explicit location on the earth's surface, *thus geographic location is the organizing principal.*

# Components: *Data*



# Components: *software*

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# Components: *hardware*



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<http://geospatialfieldmethodstanner.blogspot.com/2014/04/field-activity-9-surveying-with-topcon.html>



# Components: *Method*

- ✓ Table Query
- ✓ Map design
- ✓ Digitizing
- ✓ Georeferencing
- ✓ Resampling
- ✓ Vector spatial analysis
- ✓ Raster spatial analysis
- ✓ Digital terrain analysis
- ✓ Geospatial modeling
- ✓ ArcGIS Model Builder
- ✓ Weighted overlay
- ✓ Spatial statistical analysis
- ✓ Spatial interpolation

- [-]  Spatial Statistics Tools
  - [-]  Analyzing Patterns
    -  Average Nearest Neighbor
    -  High/Low Clustering (Getis-Ord General G)
    -  Incremental Spatial Autocorrelation
    -  Multi-Distance Spatial Cluster Analysis (Ripley's K Function)
    -  Spatial Autocorrelation (Moran's I)
  - [-]  Mapping Clusters
    -  Cluster and Outlier Analysis (Anselin Local Moran's I)
    -  Grouping Analysis
    -  Hot Spot Analysis (Getis-Ord Gi\*)
    -  Optimized Hot Spot Analysis
    -  Similarity Search
  - [-]  Measuring Geographic Distributions
    -  Central Feature
    -  Directional Distribution (Standard Deviational Ellipse)
    -  Linear Directional Mean
    -  Mean Center
    -  Median Center
    -  Standard Distance

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**GIS**

**MORE than maps**

# Applications

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- **Urban Planning, Management & Policy**
  - Land acquisition
  - Housing renovation programs
  - Emergency response
  - Crime analysis
  - Tax assessment
- **Environmental Sciences**
  - Monitoring environmental risk
  - Modeling stormwater runoff
  - Management of watersheds, floodplains, wetlands, forests, aquifers
  - Hazardous or toxic facility siting
  - Groundwater modeling and contamination tracking
- **Political Science**
  - Redistricting
  - Analysis of election results
  - Predictive modeling

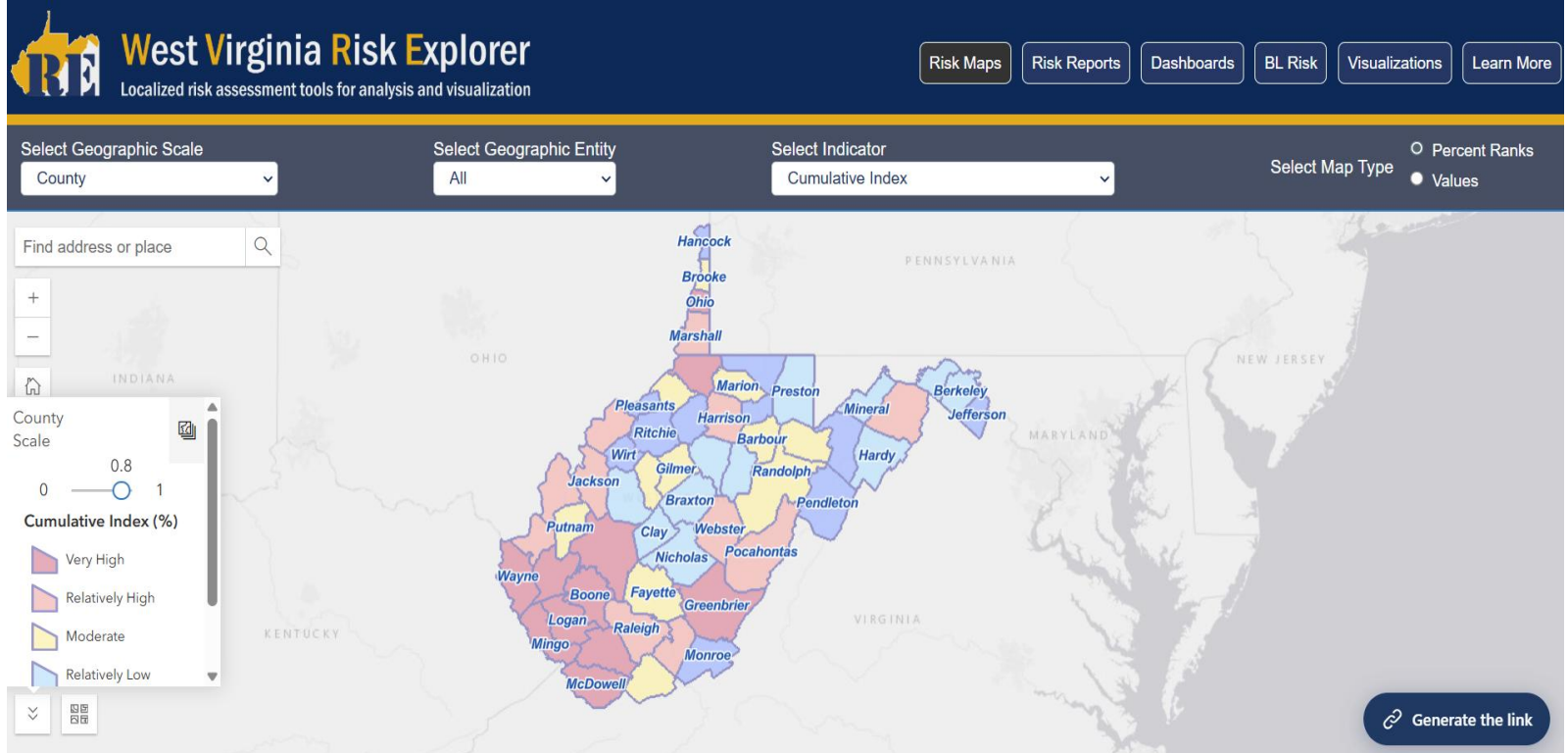
# Application

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- **Civil Engineering/Utility**
  - Locating underground facilities
  - Designing alignment for freeways, transit
  - Coordination of infrastructure maintenance
- **Business**
  - Demographic Analysis
  - Market Penetration/ Share Analysis
  - Site Selection
- **Education Administration**
  - Attendance Area Maintenance
  - Enrollment Projections
  - School Bus Routing
- **Real Estate**
  - Neighborhood land prices
  - Traffic Impact Analysis
  - Determination of Highest and Best Use
- **Health Care**
  - Epidemiology
  - Needs Analysis
  - Service Inventory

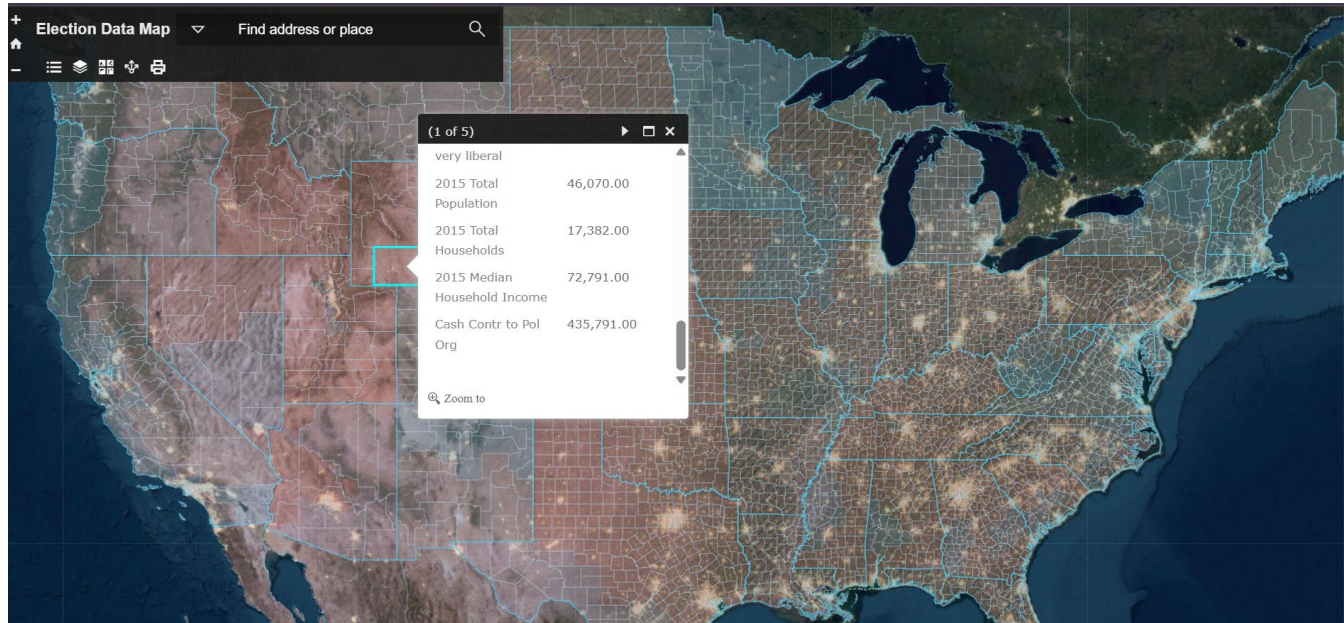
# Example: *GIS in Environmental Science*

## West Virginia Risk Explorer



# Example: *GIS in Political Science*

## 2020 Presidential Election



# Example: *GIS in Health Care*

Traveling during early stage of COVID-19 period



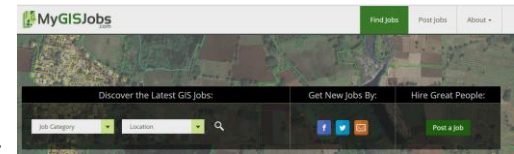
## GIS Application in Modern World

# GISer Job Market

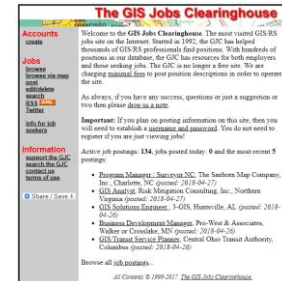
- **Local Government**
  - Planning and environmental management
  - property records and appraisal
- **Real Estate and Marketing**
  - Retail site selection, site evaluation
- **Public safety and defense**
  - Crime analysis, fire prevention, emergency management, military/defense
- **Natural resource exploration/extraction**
  - Petroleum, minerals, quarrying
- **Transportation**
  - Airline route planning, transportation planning/modeling
- **Public health and epidemiology**
- **The Geospatial Industry**
  - Data development, application development, programming



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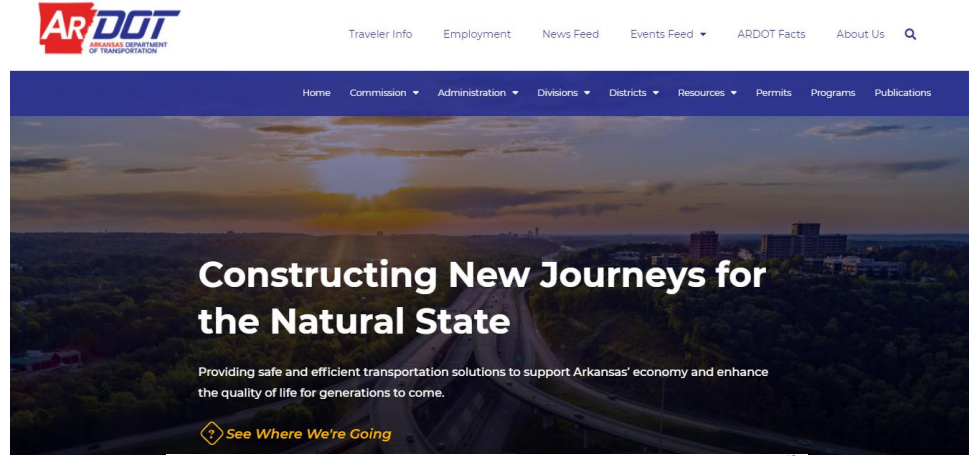


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# Geography Students placement @UCA

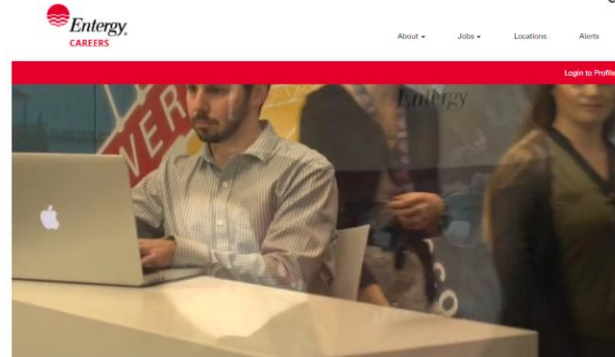
## 2020-2021

1. Four students worked as full time at ARDOT
2. Three students in master GIS program @UCA (One student is supported by Arkansas Space Grant Consortium project)



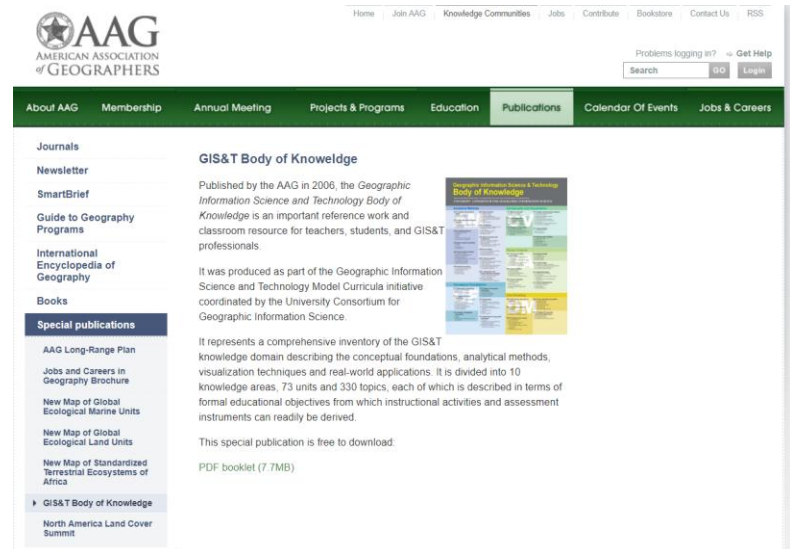
## 2022

1. Two current students worked as part-time at ARDOT



# Geospatial Skillsets

1. Spatial problem solving
2. Spatial analysis
3. Software troubleshooting
4. Statistics
5. Spatial predictive modeling
6. Database management
7. Web GIS
8. Python scripting
9. Cartography/Map design
10. Graphic design
11. Image interpretation
12. GPS tracking



# Esri Summer Internship

12-WEEK SUMMER INTERNSHIP

## Innovation and collaboration



### Real work. Real experience.

Work on projects that matter, such as creating an app to speed emergency aid or conducting research for a marketing campaign.



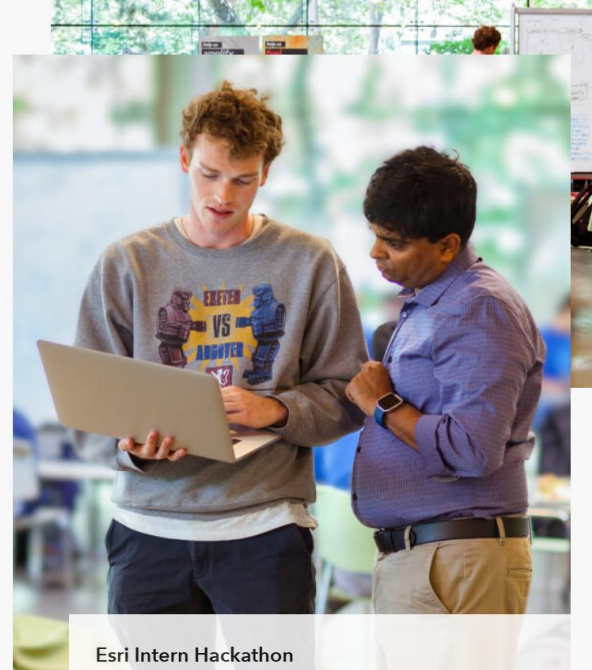
### Work hard and play hard

Participate in daily events and programs, including Monday Meetups, Tech Tuesday, What's Next Wednesday, Training Thursdays, and Fun Friday.



### Accelerated personal growth

One-on-one mentoring, professional development workshops, and various networking opportunities provide valuable tools to jump-start your career.



Esri Intern Hackathon

# Thank you!