



**Faculty of Social Sciences  
Department of Geography**

**University  
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**Geography 228 A01  
INTRODUCTION TO REMOTE SENSING  
SPRING 2016**

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- Lab Section and Hours:**
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| B01 | Monday  | 13:00 – 14:50 |
| B02 | Tuesday | 08:30 – 10:20 |
| B03 | Tuesday | 12:30 – 14:20 |
| B04 | Tuesday | 14:30 – 16:20 |
- David Turpin Building A253
- Course Objective:** To provide students with a conceptual and practical introduction to Remote Sensing (RS).
- Course Text:** Introductory Digital Image Processing. A Remote Sensing Perspective. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. John R. Jensen.
- CourseSpaces** Access CourseSpaces (<http://CourseSpaces.uvic.ca>) for announcements, instructor notes, your grades, and additional information (e.g. discussion topics). Please familiarize yourself with CourseSpaces if you haven't already done so.
- Lecture presentations:** Lecture presentations can be downloaded from CourseSpaces
- Lab Website:** [labs.geog.uvic.ca/geog228](http://labs.geog.uvic.ca/geog228)  
Username: geog228  
Password: meris
- Lab Computers:** Username: your UVic Netlink-ID  
Password: your student number

## Lab Access

The Geomatics Teaching Laboratory (DTB A251/A253) is open daily from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. Access to the Laboratory is restricted after 4.30 pm for security purposes.

## Grading Scheme

Component A: Mid-term Exam	25%
Component A: Final Exam	35%
Component B: Lab (Assignments and Exam)	40%

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

## Late Assignment Policy

Lab assignments are due at the beginning of the following week’s lab. Penalty for assignments handed in late is **10% for the first day followed by 25% every day after. All lab assignments must be submitted to be allowed to sit the final examination. Failure to submit a lab assignment will result in a failing grade of incomplete (N).** Exceptions will only be granted for medical reasons (requiring a written report from a medical practitioner stating your inability to attend class) or extreme personal crises. Only the course instructor can grant exceptions. Please do not try to negotiate exceptions with the TA.

## Grade Scale

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	0-49%

## Academic Standards

***Plagiarism*** will be dealt with in accordance with university policy. Please review the University Calendar for details. Be sure to reference all material you use. If you have any questions, please contact me.

## **Students with a disability**

If you have any type of disability, there are support systems, resources, and accommodation actions available to you. If you wish to access any of these supports, resources or accommodations, I encourage you to contact the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (<http://rcsd.uvic.ca/>) and I would be more than happy to work with you to ensure your success in this course.

***Please Note: You are under no obligation to disclose your disability.***

## **Course Experience Survey (CES)**

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term you will have the opportunity to complete a confidential course experience survey (CES) regarding your learning experience. 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. When it is time for you to complete the survey, you will receive an email inviting you to do so. If you do not receive an email invitation, you can go directly to <http://ces.uvic.ca>. You will need to use your UVic NetLink ID to access the survey, which can be done on your laptop, tablet or mobile device. I will remind you nearer the time, but please be thinking about this important activity, especially the following three questions, during the course.

1. What strengths did your **instructor** demonstrate that helped you learn in this course?
2. Please provide specific suggestions as to how the **instructor** could have helped you learn more effectively.
3. Please provide specific suggestions as to how this **course** could be improved.

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity requires commitment to the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. It is expected that students, faculty members and staff at the University of Victoria, as members of an intellectual community, will adhere to these ethical values in all activities related to learning, teaching, research and service. Any action that contravenes this standard, including misrepresentation, falsification or deception, undermines the intention and worth of scholarly work and violates the fundamental academic rights of members of our community. Students are advised to consult the university's Policy on Academic Integrity in the University Calendar. The instructor reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software programs to detect plagiarism in term papers.

## Tentative Course Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lecture/Lab</i>	<i>Topic</i>
04 Jan	Lecture 1	Goals/structure of the course. Intro to Remote Sensing.
07 Jan	Lecture 2.1	Aerial photos
11 Jan	Lecture 2.2	Aerial photos
11/12 Jan	<b>Lab 1</b>	<b>Air Photo Interpretation</b>
14 Jan	Lecture 3	Remote sensing process – image properties
18 Jan	Lecture 4	Remote sensing process – radiation
18/19 Jan	<b>Lab 1 (cont.)</b>	<b>Air Photo Interpretation</b>
21 Jan	Lecture 5.1	Remote sensing data collection - sensors
25 Jan	Lecture 5.2	Remote sensing data collection - sensors
25/26 Jan	<b>Lab 2</b>	<b>Intro to Software and Imagery (Lab 1 DUE)</b>
28 Jan	Lecture 6	Radiation
01 Feb	Lecture 7	Radiometric normalization
01/02 Feb	<b>Lab 3</b>	<b>Radiometric/Atmospheric Correction (Lab 2 DUE)</b>
04 Feb	Lecture 8.1	Geometric correction
08 Feb	READING BREAK	NO CLASS
11 Feb	READING BREAK	NO CLASS
15 Feb	Lecture 8.2	Geometric correction
15/16 Feb	<b>Lab 4</b>	<b>Geometric Correction (Lab 3 DUE)</b>
18 Feb	Review class	Mid-term review
22 Feb	Exam	Mid-term exam
22/23 Feb	<b>NO LAB</b>	<b>NO LAB</b>
25 Feb	Lecture 9.1	Image enhancement
29 Feb	Lecture 9.2	Image enhancement
29 Feb/01 Mar	<b>Lab 5</b>	<b>Image Enhancement (Lab 4 DUE)</b>
03 Mar	Lecture 9.3	Image enhancement
07 Mar	Lecture 9.4.	Image enhancement
07/08 Mar	<b>Lab 6</b>	<b>Image Classification (Lab 5 DUE)</b>
10 Mar	Lecture 10.1	Classification
14 Mar	Lecture 10.2	Classification
14/15 Mar	<b>Lab 6 (cont.)</b>	<b>Image Classification</b>
17 Mar	Lecture 10.3	Classification
21 Mar	Lecture 10.4	Classification
21/22 Mar	<b>LAB EXAM</b>	<b>LAB EXAM (Lab 6 DUE)</b>
24 Mar	Lecture 11.1	Accuracy Assessment
28 Mar	EASTER MONDAY	NO CLASS
31 Mar	Lecture 12	Guest speaker
04 Apr	Last Class	Review

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