The Science Behind the Map

GIS Faculty

FUNDAMENTALS OF GIS (TAKE ALL THREE)
- EV377 Remote Sensing
- EV378 Computer Cartography
- EV398 Geographic Information Systems

ADVANCED SPATIAL DATA ANALYSIS (TAKE BOTH)
- EV477 Advanced Remote Sensing
- EV498 Advanced Geographic Information Systems

SPATIAL DATA ACQUISITION (SELECT ONE)
- EV379 Photogrammetry
- EV380 Principles of Surveying

GEOGRAPHY FOUNDATION
- EV365 Geography of Global Cultures

INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE
- EV482 Military Geography

TWO ELECTIVES

GIS HONORS MAJOR
TWO-COURSE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:
- EV489A Independent Study in Geospatial Information Science
- Select one additional course from the GIS Free Electives list

Cadets majoring in Geospatial Information Science receive a 3Y (Space Activities) Skill Identifier on their official military record

Geospatial Information Science courses are taught with extensive hands-on use of digital technology in the Geographic Science Laboratory (GSL) and in the field. Cadets use GPS, view and analyze satellite imagery, build map databases and produce maps with state of the art hardware and software.

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Geospatial Technology in the Military

The military increasingly relies on geospatial technology and data to achieve information dominance on the battlefield. Examples include: GPS, satellite imagery, real-time force tracking, sensor integration, and massive geographic databases.

To dominate on the battlefield, the Army’s transformed fighting forces depend on leaders who understand the capabilities and limitations of geospatial technologies.

Majoring in Geospatial Information Science gives future Army Officers, regardless of branch, the knowledge set to leverage these tools when leading soldiers in our high tech digital Army.

EV478 Military Geospatial Operations
Study the most current state of geospatial operations in the military

EV379 Photogrammetry
The art and science of making accurate measurements with images

EV380 Surveying
Obtaining accurate measurements in the field with laser range finding and GPS

EV377 Remote Sensing
Analyzing geographic features from satellites and aerial platforms

The Geospatial Information Science Program uses a hands-on approach to teach the science behind the technologies that locate, measure, and quantify geographic phenomena.

Specialized courses, taught with an application focus and using a state-of-the-art computer facility, introduce the various components of geospatial science.

EV398 Geographic Information Systems
EV498 Adv. Geographic Information Systems
Study the input, storage, manipulation, and analysis of geospatial data on computer systems

Geospatial Technology outside the Military

“...technological advances have also helped drive private-sector jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists G.I.S.-related jobs as among the fastest-growing new or emerging fields." NY Times Aug 12th, 2007

Geospatial technology is one of the leading growth industries over the next decade according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Geospatial technology is becoming an integral component of nearly every business and most government agencies from the local to federal level. Many of these organizations are directly involved in Homeland Defense.

A major in Geospatial Information Science allows you to excel in this field and prepares you for graduate school in this or many other related disciplines.

EV380 Surveying
Obtaining accurate measurements in the field with laser range finding and GPS

EV378 Cartography
Teaches the principles of cartographic communication using computer mapping technology