ARCGIS PRO COURSE, APPLIED TO GEOLOGY AND MINING
This course will qualify students in ArcGIS PRO, the new ArcGIS Desktop release, applying advanced GIS techniques to spatial analysis regarding mining activities, risk analysis, geological maps, project planning for mineral exploitation, decision making support, etc.

Students will gain knowledge in the usage of ArcGIS PRO software with application in geology and mining planning activities (environmental impact studies, environmental documents, mineral deposits estimation, etc.). They will master the creation of high quality maps, spatial multi-criteria analysis for mining activities management.

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TRAINING OVERVIEW

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GOALS

- Demonstrate the importance and practicality of GIS in engineering, geology, mining activities and environmental management studies.
- Understand all the essential concepts, needed for an advanced manipulation of ArcGIS PRO and GIS in general, along with practical application in environmental and mining activities management.
- Learn about GIS key tools used in the management of raster and vector data models, the creation of high quality cartography products and the development of complex spatial analysis.
- Find out about all the existing difficulties and solutions in the design of GIS environmental and mining activities studies through practical exercises.
- Prepare and edit your own data, develop your own layouts and high quality map products for environmental and mining activities impact studies, etc.
ONLINE FORMAT METHODOLOGY

Enrolled students in this online course will have access to our virtual e-learning platform (which is available 24 hours), where they will find the content of the course, practical exercises, forum discussion and additional content. One of the advantages of this online platform, is that students can benefit of real time support and assistance offered by the instructor (2 hours per week), whom they can contact via direct messages, regarding course related issues, at any moment. They can also contact the instructor via email.

STUDENT PROFILES

This course is aimed at students and professionals related to geology, engineering, topography, geography and environmental sciences interested in the use of Geographic Information Systems for their professional activities.

Important note: this course requires previous ArcGIS Desktop knowledge.

INSTRUCTOR

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1 - INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Introduction.
Definition and basic concepts.
Uses of Geographic Information Systems.
Geographic information: vector data models, raster data models and other data models (CAD, TIN, etc.). Main features of each data module, advantages and disadvantages.

Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop: ArcMap, ArcCatalog, ArcToolbox, ArcScene and ArcGlobe.
Arcmap interface, extensions and tools.

2 - VECTOR DATA MODEL. INFORMATION DISPLAY

Information layers: how to add layers, features and attribute tables.
Data tools: search and queries.
Selection tools: selection per feature, selection by spatial location and information capture.
Layer symbology: basic symbology, by category, by quantity and through graphics.
Other display options: labelling and transparencies.

3 - COORDINATE SYSTEMS, PROJECTIONS AND GEOREFERENCING

Introduction to Coordinate systems and projections.
Defining Coordinate Systems.
Coordinate system transformation. Reprojection of ED50 or ETRS89 geographic databases.
Image, layer and CAD files georeferencing.

4 - VECTOR DATA MODEL. EDITING AND CREATING INFORMATION

Creation and editing of spatial data:
- Creating spatial data: Editing toolbar. Digitization techniques.
- Creating layers from CAD files.
- Modifying existing layers.
- Creating layers from coordinates and GPS data.
Creation and editing of data in attribute tables:
- Structure of an Attribute table.
- Types of data included in an Attribute table.
- Modify information from an Attribute table.
- Calculate geometric information (Surface, perimeter, length, etc.).
- Creation of statistics from the table.
- Export tables to Excel and other formats.
Report and graph creation.

5 - DATABASE AND SPATIAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT (GEODATABASE)

Designing databases.
Joining and relating databases.
Spatial joins. Obtain statistics from database information and spatial position of elements in a layer.
Loading data to the geodatabase. Subtypes and domains.

Guided Exercise 1 (GIS database): Creation digital cartography from field data.

6 - SPATIAL ANALYSIS USING VECTOR DATA

Extract (Clip, Split), overlay (intersect, union) and proximity (buffer analysis, Thiessen polygons) toolsets.
Obtaining field grids.
Multi-criteria analysis. Obtaining optimum areas according to several criteria.

Guided Exercise 2 (data analysis): Creation of grid fields and combining them with field data applied to geology.

7 - SPATIAL ANALYSIS USING RASTER DATA

File conversion tools. File format conversion from vector to raster, and viceversa.
ASCII or html files, and exporting files to KML (Google Earth) as well as CAD.
Create Digital Elevation Models from vector data, ASCII and TIN files.
Extracting information from raster files by query, mask, entity and/or joining raster files.
Contour lines, slope calculation, hillshade maps, orientation and visibility studies.

Guided Exercise 3 (digital terrain model): Generating DTMs from vector and field data. Modifying DTMs.

Guided Exercise 4 (landscape): Creating a visibility study through viewsheds from high precision digital terrain models, defining specific views and project elements.
8 - ADVANCED SPATIAL ANALYSIS

Data interpolation. Different interpolation methodologies (IDW, kriging, natural neighbour).

Guided Exercise 5 (Geochemical Maps): Generating geochemical maps depending on the spatial variability of chemical elements or compounds to detect anomalies (geological exploration), halo of contaminated soils, etc.

Use in hydrology: obtaining a drainage system, flow direction, outlets, and identification of drainage basins.

Guided exercise 6 (hydrology): Obtain the drainage network, the main flow direction, accumulation areas and hydrographic basins, sub basins and micro basins.

9 - ADVANCED SPATIAL ANALYSIS II

Reclassifying raster files. Euclidean distances, building Boolean layers, adding values to intervals or categories, and data conversion.

Map algebra (raster calculator), math calculations between raster layers, field statistics.

Guided exercise 7 (slope stability): Risk analysis for landslides according to several variables like slope, type of substrate, presence of vegetation, etc.

Volume calculation.


Guided exercise 8 (selection of alternatives): Multicriteria analysis to position a mine, including its sterile batteries.

10 - 3D DATA DISPLAY (ARCSCENE)

Converting vector files from 2D to 3D.

Vector and raster layers display in 3D.

Generation of 3D figures in ArcGIS.

Guided exercise 9 a (3D geological cuts): Generating 3D geological cuts from interpolated data collected on field.

Guided exercise 9 b (3D piezometric level): Generating piezometric level 3D views from interpolated data of soundings.

11 - WEB INFORMATION SOURCES AND RESOURCES

Downloading digital maps (IGN) and using WMS cartographic servers.

Regional, European and international spatial data web platforms.

Arcgis Online services.

12 - MAP CREATION

Sheet configuration.

Inserting basic elements (north, scale bar, numeric scale, map legend, etc.)

Add UTM coordinates grid, composition with several "Data frames", images, excel tables, etc.

Save maps as templates. Create a document based on the template.

Printing options.

Guided exercise 10 (map composition): creating quality tmapping focused on environmental studies according to the INSPIRE directive.