







COURSE

The objective of this course is to initiate the student in the management of QGIS, for the preparation of studies related to environmental management.

The student will acquire the necessaries skills in the manipulation of QCIS tools that are recommended in environmental studies and analysis (EIA, environmental papers, fauna studies, etc.). The student will be trained in the development of quality thematic cartography, multi-criteria spatial analysis with applicability in environmental management and in alternative analysis.

GOALS

- Highlight the importance and utility of a Geographic Information System (CIS), its integration and applicability in environmental management.
- General overview about the basic skills needed in QCIS and GRASS CIS. Essential concepts used by a CIS system in environmental management projects elaboration.
- Learn about GIS key tools in an appropriate and professional way, usage of vector and raster data information, develop high quality cartography products, elaborate complex spatial analysis.
- Find about all possible difficulties which you may encounter in the execution of environmental CIS projects, and their solutions through practical exercises.
- Cain experience in data preparation, layout development, map creation and high quality products delivery.

Skills acquired by the student during our course: management of field sampling spatial databases, fauna density maps, erosion studies, hydrological studies, environmental sensitivity maps.



INSTRUCTORS

Santiago Pardini Herranz

With a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences from University of Almeria and a Master in Engineering and Environmental Management from Spain's School for Industrial Organization (EOI), Santiago is a CIS/Remote Sensing expert/consultant and managing director at TYC CIS Integrated Solutions.

With different courses graduated in GIS/Remote Sensing/CAD and BIM technologies, and more than 7 years of experience in practical applications of these knowledges in environmental consultancy, spatial

planning, geomarketing, civil engineering or agricultural sciences, Santiago is a knowledgeable and experienced professional in GIS training and business activities.

Alfonso Noriega Díaz

With a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences and a Master in Safety, Hygiene and Ergonomics from University of Almeria, Alfonso has an extensive experience in CIS/CAD and topography training programs.

His expertise extends also on private sector as he worked as a co-director in final career projects and PRL Technician during the construction of "Helios Campos de San Juan I y II

Beatriz Ramos López

Beatriz holds a Bachelor Degree in Biology at University of Sevilla, a Master in Geographic Information Systems and another one in Geographic Information Technologies, both of them at the University of Alcala. She has experience in the execution of Web GIS related projects, in the usage of open source software products and in the development of cartographic viewers.





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.



STUDENTS PROFILES

The course is aimed at students and professionals in Engineering, Architecture, Biology, Geography, Geology and Environmental Sciences who are interested in the application of Geographic Information Systems in their present or future professional activities..

Important: The course does not require prior knowledge of QGIS.

PROGRAMA

INTRODUCTION IN GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATIONAL SYSTEMS

Basic concepts and definitions

Capabilities and applications of Geographic Information Systems

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Geographic information: vector data models, raster data models and other data models (CAD, TIN, etc.). Main characteristics, advantages and disadvantages of each data model

QGIS graphic interface presentation

ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS WITH VECTOR DATA

Add layers, edit properties and attribute tables Add Web Services for Maps and Base Maps (OMS, Google Maps, Bing Maps)

Examine data: Search for data, apply queries and filters Select by attributes, Select by location, data capture Symbology layers: single symbol, by categories, by quantities, using graphs

COORDINATE SYSTEMS, PROJECTIONS AND IMAGE GEOREFERENCING

Introduction to Coordinate Systems and Projections Definition of Coordinate System Coordinate Systems and Transformations Image georeferencing, CAD files and layers

VECTOR DATA MODELS. GENERATE AND EDIT VECTOR DATA

Create, edit and work with spatial data How to create spatial data, edit toolbar, digitization techniques Obtain new vector layers' form OMS Convert CAD files to layers Edit existing layers Create layers from X, Y coordinates points Working with attribute table, create and edit data Attribute table structure Types of data Edit table information Geometric calculations (surface, perimeter, length, etc.) Table statistics Table conversion, excel to other formats, reports and graphics generation



VECTOR DATA MODELS. TABLE RELATIONS

Database design

Database connections, combine tables with UNION Spatial joins, generate new statistics and new data using table and spatial data information

INTRODUCTION IN RELATIONAL DATABASES SYSTEMS

Types of data that can be included in a database About installing PostgreSQL Create and manage data using PostGIS

GEOPROCESSING TOOLS AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS USING VECTOR DATA

Vector geoprocessing tools, feature extraction, proximity and overlay analysis Create sampling grids Multi-Criteria Analysis, zonal statistics, optimal site location

Practical Exercise 1 (environmental monitoring): Generating sampling grids for the study of population evolution and density.

SPATIAL ANALYSIS USING RASTER DATA

Conversion tools, raster, vector, ASCII, KML Generate digital models of elevation using vector data, ASCII and TIN files. Querying and masking raster data for obtaining new information Merging raster files Contour, slope, hillshade, aspect and visibility maps

Practical Exercise 2 (landscape): Landscape visibility mapping, viewshed analysis using high precision digital terrain models, define specific views.

ADVANCED SPATIAL ANALYSIS USING RASTER DATA

Reclassify rasters, euclidean distances, boolean operations on layers, raster aggregation and data conversion Map algebra (Raster calculator), mathematical operations between rasters, cell statistics Practical Exercise 3 (geomorphology/erosion): Assessment of soil erosion risk based on variables such as slope, soil type, presence of vegetation, etc. Data interpolation techniques (IDW, kriging, natural neighbor)

Guided Exercise 4 (fauna and vegetation): Creating density and distribution maps of vegetation and fauna using interpolation data techniques and data taken from the field or from literature.

HYDROLOGICAL AND MULTICRITERIA ANALYSIS

Hydrological study: drainage networks, flow direction, watershed basins, catchment areas Practical Exercise 5 (hydrology): Determination of a drainage network in digital elevation models, predominant flow direction and flow accumulation, identification of drainage basins (sub and micro basin delineation). Performing Multicriteria raster analysis, basic concepts and weights (the most important component of the MCDA model), weighted layers' combination, non-compensatory analysis, least cost path analysis

Practical Exercise 6 (analysis of alternatives): Multicriteria analysis for environmental sensitivity projects and impact studies (select best spatial variables and see the potential environmental impacts, select the option with the least environmental impact).

Practical Exercise 7 (analysis of alternatives 2): Select the best route (corridor) with minimum environmental impact using multicriteria analysis.

INFORMATION SOURCES AND RESOURCES FOUND ON WEB

Download digital maps (IGN), take advantages of WMS cartographic servers.

IDEE (Infrastructura de Datos Espaciales de Espana) Portal for regional, european and international data

MAP PRODUCTS

Layout proprieties

Insert map elements (legend, scale, north arrow, coordinate grid), Excel tables, data frames, images, graphs Export and print options

Practical Exercise 8 (map creation): Elaboration of quality thematic cartography products focused on environmental impact studies in concordance with INSPIRE Directive.



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