Geomatics - SUR 3103C (spring 2021)

1 Overview
This 3-credit course primarily covers plane surveying techniques, including measurement of angles, distances, and elevation differences. Also covered are the related techniques of data reduction for these fundamental measurements, the Global Positioning System, Topographic mapping, Earth-based coordinate systems, Boundary surveys, and Horizontal curves.

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- Please use gatorlink email (k.britt@ufl.edu) for fastest response.
- Avoid using the Canvas site “inbox” for email/messages due to occasional delay in delivery.
- Office hours: as needed by appointment via zoom (https://ufl.zoom.us/my/kbritt), phone, or email.

Required Text:

2 Learning Outcomes
At the conclusion of this course, students must demonstrate knowledge and ability in the following:
- Significant figures
- Accuracy and precision; systematic and random errors
- Measurement of accurate horizontal distances, and horizontal and vertical angles
- Computation of horizontal coordinates by traverse adjustment
- Making vertical measurements by differential leveling
- Computation of elevations by level loop adjustment
- Bearing and azimuth calculation
- Computation of area of a parcel of land
- Production of a large-scale topographic map

Students should have gained general (introductory) knowledge in:
- Coordinate systems and Datums
- The Global Positioning System
- Boundary Surveys
- The US public land survey
- Horizontal circular curves
3 Course Logistics

This course consists of lecture videos that will be provided each week, and quizzes, homework assignments, and labs complement the lecture material. All course materials will be provided through the UF E-Learning Canvas site (https://elearning.ufl.edu/) on the course page. Office hours are available as needed via phone or Zoom (https://ufl.zoom.us/my/kbritt).

SURVEY MENTOR AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT

Due to the distance format of this course, each student is required to have access to a local survey mentor and survey equipment. (Please have your mentor complete the UF Geomatics Mentor Form right away. The form is available in the associated assignment in canvas. Scan and submit the form via the Canvas assignment page.) The survey mentor should be able to assist with labs, provide equipment, and demonstrate how to use survey equipment. A licensed surveyor is required. Students working in a survey office may use someone within the office. Also, students can inquire with local survey businesses or city, county, state or federal entities for a survey mentor. These entities may include water management districts, Army Corps of Engineers, or city/county government services (survey departments). If a survey mentor cannot be found, please contact the instructor immediately.

Homeworks/Assignments

All homeworks and other assignments, as well as “office” components of the labs are required to be completed individually. Office work includes calculations, computer drafting, and any similar activities not performed in the field.

Quizzes and Final Exam

All quizzes/exams will be administered via Honorlock, which requires a webcam. A practice quiz will be provided to ensure students have the correct setup. Students will be required to perform calculations for the quiz/exam. Quizzes and exams must be taken during their assigned times. Please see the schedule for quiz/exam dates. There is no provision for making up a missed quiz or the final exam. If you have a conflict, please notify the instructor prior to the quiz/exam. Leniency in rescheduling a quiz is dependent upon advanced notification and reason.

To get full credit for computational problems on homework, quizzes, and the final exam, students must have a copy of the appropriate equipment.

Quizzes will cover the subject material of the lectures, reading assignments, lab exercises, and homework problems. Some quizzes may contain more/less information based on lectures covered. The following list serves as a general guide:

Quiz 1 (lectures 1-6), Quiz 2 (lectures 7-11), Quiz 3 (lectures 12-18), Quiz 4 (lectures 19-25)
See schedule for dates. Final Exam: cumulative.

The final exam is scheduled for April 26, 2020 between 12:30 pm and 11:30 pm.

Labs

Labs should be completed under the supervision of the survey mentor, who must fill out the provided form and have access to the appropriate equipment (see Agreement and Guidelines documents). An
appropriate parcel site for field labs is also required and will be approved by the instructor through a canvas assignment. Approximately one lab should be completed per week, as scheduled to correspond to the lecture videos. Labs may be completed at any time during the assigned week, and lab field notes/deliverables and reports should be submitted by the associated deadlines.

### 3.1 Assignments & Deliverables

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### 3.2 Grades & Grading Scale

Final grades may be curves, but will be roughly based on the listed grading scale. Plus or minus grades will be assigned as appropriate.

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx)

### 4 Course Content

**Learning Modules**

Learning modules will contain the following content plus supplementary materials.
SUR3103C – Lecture syllabus and reading assignments

Lec 1: Course introduction. Written field notes. Read: Chap 1 (all), Chap 2, sec 6 11.
Lec 2: Units and significant figures. Chap 2, sec 1 5.
Lec 3: Theory of errors in observations. Chap 3: Read sec. 1-8, Browse sec. 9-21
Lec 4: Distance measurement - taping. Read: Chap 6, sec. 1-13
Lec 5: Intro to Leveling. Read: Chap 4 (all).
Lec 6: Leveling procedures and computations. Read: Chap 5 (all).
Lec 7: Taping corrections. Read: Chap 6, sec. 14-16
Lec 8: Electronic distance measurement. Read: Chap 6, sec. 17-25.
Lec 10: Compass readings. Total Stations. Read: Chap 7, sec. 10-16; Read Chap 8, sec. 1-6.
Lec 11: Horizontal and vertical angle measurement. Read: Chap 8: sec. 7-22
Lec 12: Traversing. Read: Chap 9 (all).
Lec 16: Area: coordinate and DMD methods. Read: Chap 12 (all).
Lec 21: Interpreting and drawing contours. (Review 17.5-17.8, 17.9.2)
Lec 22: Mapping and AutoCAD intro. Read Chap 18 (all).
Lec 23: Control surveys and Geodetic datums. Read: Chap 19 sec. 1 12, Browse sec. 13-14
Lec 24: State plane coordinates. Read: Chap 20 sec. 1-5, 8-8.1, 9-11; Browse rest of chapter.
Lec 25: Boundary surveys. Read: Chap 21 (all).
Lec 26: United States Public Land Survey System. Read: Chap 22 (all).
Lec 27: United States Public Land Survey System (continued)

SUR 3103C – Lab activities

Lab 1 Introduction and Station Descriptions
Lab 2 Distances – taping and pacing (general lab work)
Lab 3 Leveling (general lab work)
Lab 4 Distances – EDM (Total station) (general lab work)
Lab 5 Angle measurement (general lab work)
Lab 6 (make-up lab work)
Lab 7 Traverse adjustment (general lab work)
Lab 8 GPS exercise (general lab work)
Lab 9 CAD exercise (general lab work)
Lab 10 Planimetric mapping (general lab work)
Lab 11 Contour mapping (general lab work)
Lab 12 Map Drafting (Topographic Mapping)
Note that lectures are available for more than the full week and can be completed at the student’s pace, but should be completed taking quiz, exam, and lab work dates into consideration. Lab field work may be completed during the previous week, with the deliverables and report due on the dates noted. Quizzes and the exam must be completed on the designated day.
5 Policies and Requirements

This syllabus represents current plans and objectives for this course. As the semester progresses, changes may need to be made to accommodate timing, logistics, or to enhance learning. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

5.1 Late Submissions & Make-up Requests

It is the responsibility of the student to access on-line lectures, readings, quizzes, and exams and to maintain satisfactory progress in the course.

Computer or other hardware failures, except failure of the UF e-Learning system, will not excuse students for missing assignments. Any late submissions due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from the Helpdesk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request consideration.

For computer, software compatibility, or access problems call the HELP DESK phone number—352-392-HELP = 352-392-4357 (option 2).

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

5.2 Semester Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning.

At approximately the mid-point of the semester, the School of Forest Resources & Conservation will request anonymous feedback on student satisfaction on various aspects of this course. These surveys will be sent out through Canvas and are not required, but encouraged. This is not the UF Faculty Evaluation!

At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide UF with feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria (UF Faculty Evaluations). These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

5.3 Netiquette: Communication Courtesy

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. Failure to do so may result in loss of participation points and/or referral to the Dean of Students’ Office. http://teach.ufl.edu/docs/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf

Please include the course code (SUR 3103C) in the subject line of emails.
5.4 Academic Honesty Policy

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."

You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless them instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct or appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated.

Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code.

5.5 University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are not retroactive, therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

5.6 Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

6 Getting Help

For issues with technical difficulties for e-learning in Canvas, please post your question to the Technical Help Discussion in your course, or contact the UF Help Desk at:

- Learning-support@ufl.edu | (352) 392-HELP - select option 2 | http://elearning.ufl.edu
- Library Help Desk support http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask
- SFRC Academic Hub https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/303721
6.1 Student Life, Wellness, and Counseling Help

- Counseling and Wellness resources [http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)
- U Matter, We Care [http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/)
- Career Resource Center [http://www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)
- Other resources are available at [http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help](http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help) for online students.

6.2 Student Complaint Process

The School of Forest Resources & Conservation cares about your experience and we will make every effort to address course concerns. We request that all of our online students complete a course satisfaction survey each semester, which is a time for you to voice your thoughts on how your course is being delivered.

If you have a more urgent concern, your first point of contact should be the SFRC Academic Coordinator or the Graduate/Undergraduate Coordinator for the program offering the course. You may also submit a complaint directly to UF administration:

- Students in online courses: [http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process](http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process)
- Students in face-to-face courses: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)