

COURSE SYLLABUS
SUR4501C FOUNDATIONS OF UAS MAPPING

M/W 4th Period + M 5-6th Period
Spring Semester
(3 Credits)

Prerequisites

SUR3103C (or Permission of Instructor)

Instructors

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Course Description and Learning Objectives

Covers the fundamental components of small unmanned aerial systems (UASs) and how they are used to produce high resolution, spatially accurate, planimetric maps and 3-D models of the terrain.

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- summarize the history and evolution of UASs
- identify the essential hardware components of UASs
- plan, acquire, and adjust global positioning system/global navigation satellite system (GPS/GNSS) and total station measurements
- summarize the fundamentals of onboard GPS/GNSS and inertial measurements, and their role in airborne navigation and control for UASs
- summarize the fundamental concepts of photogrammetry and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)
- describe standard UAS mapping workflow

Method of Instruction

This course is based on the concept of experiential learning or “learning by doing.” Where possible, the material is learned primarily through a series of hands-on field projects. The field data collection component of the project is done in small teams (2-4 students). Analysis of the data and submission of project reports, however, is the responsibility of each student individually. The project deliverables are due at specified dates (**deadlines**) throughout the semester according to a set schedule; the deadlines are not flexible, but may vary for non-Gainesville students.

Meeting Times and Places

The class meets weekly on Monday morning (10:40am-11:30am) in **302 Reed Lab** for a lecture focused on the topic for that week. For those topics that require a field project this lecture will provide background information on the specific technology being used as well as the requirements of the weekly project. Distance students attend these lectures

virtually at the scheduled time through the Polycom system or view the recorded version at a later time.

The field data acquisition part of projects occurs on Monday afternoon (11:45am-1:50pm) for Gainesville students unless equipment constraints or weather dictate otherwise. All field work is done on campus and students should read the project instructions prior to going to the field. Distance students do their projects through our programs at Ft. Lauderdale or Plant City Research and Education Centers (RECs), and coordinate with local staff (identified the first week of the course) to schedule project field work.

In the Wednesday lab session (10:40am-11:30pm) data reduction, analysis, etc., is done independently by each student under the supervision of the Instructor and/or the Teaching Assistant in **402 Reed Lab**, or at respective RECs.

Readings

Recommended:

- Ghilani and Wolf (2015). *Elementary Surveying: An Introduction to Geomatics* (14th Edition), Pearson-Prentice Hall, New Jersey
- Trimble (2007). *GPS – The First Global Navigation Satellite System*, Trimble Navigation Ltd, Sunnyvale, CA

Required:

- Anderson, C. (2012). “Here Come the Drones.” *Wired Magazine*, London, UK, pp. 102–111 http://www.wired.com/2012/06/ff_drones/all/
- Anderson, C. (2007-2014). DIY Drones Blog. <http://diydrones.com/profiles/blog/list?user=zlitezlite>
- Wolman, D. (2012). Drone’s Day Scenario. *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, Nov/Dec. pp. 28-33. http://www.upenn.edu/gazette/1112/PennGaz1112_feature1.pdf

Communication

The course is managed through the Canvas system and all communication with instructors should be done through the facilities in that system.

Course Evaluation

Grading is based on project deliverables, on-line quizzes, a final project presentation, and participation and is distributed as follows:

- a) Project reports and assignments..... 40%
- b) Attendance and participation 10%
- c) Weekly on-line quizzes 30%
- d) Final project presentation 10%
- e) Final quiz 10%

Project Reports (40%)

Project reports are required for the following 10 Projects:

- Project 1 - Establish Ground Control using total stations

- Project 2 - Compare GPS Single Point Positioning and Differential GPS (DGPS)
- Project 3 – GPS/GNSS Static Baselines using continuously operating reference stations (CORS) and the Online Positioning User System (OPUS)
- Project 4 – GPS/GNSS Static Network
- Project 5 – Inertial Navigation System (INS) Assignment
- Project 6 – Produce geo-spatial products using a small set of UAS data
- Project 7 – Measurements on 3-D Model
- Project 8 – Google Earth spatial quality analysis
- Project 9 – Lidar model and analysis
- Project 10 – Comparison of UAS Processing Software options

A project assignment will be provided each week through the course website. Each student should submit a project report back through the Canvas system before mid-night the following Sunday. No reports will be accepted after the deadline.

Report Format: Students are given a report template for each project assignment. Each student *individually* must submit their report using the template provided.

Attendance and Participation (10%)

Students are expected to attend all lecture, lab, and field sessions. Ten percent of the grade is dedicated to attendance of Mon and Wed classes. More than two unexcused absences will result in a deduction of the student final grade. 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>.

Weekly On-line Quizzes (30%)

A short weekly quiz covering the main principles, concepts and content of the weekly topic is done on-line outside of class. These are open-book so no proctoring will be necessary.

Final Presentation and Summary Reports (10%)

Each student is given 10 minutes to present a summary of one of the topics or projects completed during the semester. The presentation should include a brief summary of the objective, methodology, data processing, analysis, results and conclusion(s) reached.

Final Quiz (10%)

A final 50 minute quiz will be given on the last Wednesday class of the semester in RLA 402, an REC, or at some other instructor-approved site. This quiz covers the concepts and principles associated with the topics covered during the semester and will comprise thirty multiple-choice and true-false questions.

Grade Scale

A	95 -100%
A-	90 - 94.99%
B+	87 - 89.99%
B	83 - 86.99%

B-	80 - 82.99%
C+	77 - 79.99%
C	73 - 76.99%
C-	70 - 72.99%
D+	67 - 69.99%
D	63 - 66.99%
D-	60 - 62.99%
E	0 - 59.99%

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

Distance Students Complaints

Each online distance learning program has a process for, and will make every attempt to resolve, student complaints within its academic and administrative departments at the program level. See <http://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> for more details.

Weekly Lecture, Project, and Quiz Schedule

Please note that bad weather and/or other unpredictable factors may cause this schedule to change during the semester. Lectures in 302 Reed will be available through Polycom and will also be recorded for distance students who cannot ‘attend’ those classes. Lab locations are shown below for Gainesville only (*), but will take place on FTL and PC campuses as well at a time to be scheduled by the instructors at those locations. Project deliverables are generally due by midnight on the Sunday following the fieldwork.

Day	Week Activity	Mode	Location
Week 1 Jan 6 - 9			
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: History and evolution of UASs	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 1	Quiz	
Week 2 Jan 12 - 16			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: UAS components and integration	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Ground control using total stations (Project 1)	Fieldwork	UF campus*
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Process total station data	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 2	Quiz	
Week 3 Jan 19 - 23			
<i>Mon</i>	<i>MLK Jr. Day – NO CLASS (Jan 19)</i>		
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Process total station data	Lab Work	402 Reed*
Week 4 Jan 26 - 30			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: Computation of ground control coordinates and image control using a digital level and total station	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Complete control survey work	Fieldwork	UF campus*

Wed	Topic: Process traverse and radial survey data Deliverable: Project 1 Report	Lab Work	402 Reed
Fri	Online Quiz 3	Quiz	
Week 5 Feb 2 - 6			
Mon	Topic: GPS/GNSS	Lecture	302 Reed
Mon	Lab: GPS Single Point Positioning and DGPS (acquire uncorrected and WAAS-corrected GPS data) (Project 2)	Fieldwork	UF campus*
Wed	Topic: Analyze and compare accuracy and precision of GPS observations Deliverable: Project 2 Report	Lab Work	402 Reed*
Fri	Online Quiz 4	Quiz	
Week 6 Feb 9 - 13			
Mon	Topic: GPS/GNSS	Lecture	302 Reed
Mon	Lab: Acquire GPS static baselines and draw obstruction diagrams (Project 3)	Fieldwork	UF campus*
Wed	Topic: Process differentially corrected GPS baselines using Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) and the Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) Deliverable: Project 3 Report	Lab Work	402 Reed
Fri	Online Quiz 5	Quiz	
Week 7 Feb 16 – 20			
Mon	Topic: GPS/GNSS mission planning and networks	Lecture	302 Reed
Mon	Lab: Acquire GPS static network data (Project 4)	Fieldwork	UF campus*
Wed	Topic: Process and analyze locally-referenced GPS network Deliverable: Project 4 Report	Lab Work	402 Reed
Fri	Online Quiz 6	Quiz	
Week 8 Feb 23 - 27			
Mon	Topic: Inertial navigation systems – INS	Lecture	302 Reed
Mon	Lab: INS Project (Project 5)	Field/Lab	UF campus*
Wed	Topic: Analyze results Deliverable: Project 5 Report	Lab Work	402 Reed
Fri	Online Quiz 7	Quiz	
Week 9 Mar 2 – 6 Spring Break			
Week 10 Mar 9 – 13			
Mon	Topic: UAS Work Flow	Lecture	302 Reed
Mon	Lab: Process small set of UAS-based imagery (Project 6)	Lab Work	402 Reed

<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Analyze results <i>Deliverable: Project 6 Report</i>	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 8	Quiz	
Week 11 Mar 16 – 20			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: 3-D modeling from stereo-imagery	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Measurements on provided 3-D model (Project 7)	Fieldwork	402 Reed
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Continue measurements on 3-D model <i>Deliverable: Project 7 Report</i>	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 9	Quiz	
Week 12 Mar 21 – 27			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: Spatial Data Sharing using Google Earth (GE)	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Analyze spatial quality of GE imagery	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Continue analysis of GE Imagery <i>Deliverable: Project 8 Report</i>	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 10	Quiz	
Week 13 Mar 30 – April 3			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: Lidar/Laser Scanning	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Scan terrestrial object and process	Fieldwork	UF campus*
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Analyze scanned data <i>Deliverable: Project 9 Report</i>	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 11	Quiz	
Week 14 April 6 - 10			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: Commercial software options	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Research and analyze different options	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Continue analysis <i>Deliverable: Project 10 Report</i>	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Fri</i>	Online Quiz 12	Quiz	
Week 15 April 13 - 17			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: How to make a good presentation	Lecture	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Presentation preparation	Lab Work	402 Reed
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Presentation preparation	Lab Work	402 Reed
Week 16 April 20 - 22			
<i>Mon</i>	Topic: Final student presentations	Present	302 Reed
<i>Mon</i>	Lab: Final student presentation (3-6 pm)		
<i>Wed</i>	Topic: Final on-line Quiz	Quiz	

Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. 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>.

UF Academic Honesty

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 the 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 to 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>.

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.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation

0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- *University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/*
 - Counseling Services
 - Groups and Workshops
 - Outreach and Consultation
 - Self-Help Library
 - Wellness Coaching
- *Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, www.crc.ufl.edu/*

Other Requirements

Cellular phones must be silenced during class. They may be used in field sessions for field work communication pertaining to this course work only.