GTECH 20300 - Introduction to Remote Sensing  
Fall 2016, Hunter North 1090B  
Wednesday 4:10pm-7:30pm  

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Prerequisites: Permission of instructor  


Course Description: 4 hrs (2 lec, 2 lab), 3 cr. This course provides an introduction to remote sensing science and technology. Topics include basic remote sensing principles, aerial photography, photogrammetry, image interpretation and satellite sensors and remote sensing applications. It emphasizes the use of remote sensing technology to study our changing environment. Weekly labs explore the use of various image display and analysis tools to visualize, interpret and analyze remote sensing images.  

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:  
By the end of the semester, you will  
• Have the basic knowledge of remote sensing science and technology.  
• Understand how the remote sensing data are collected and used to study the environment and to monitor our changing planet.  
• Gain the basic remote sensing image interpretation and analysis skills.  

Grading:  
Final exam: 20%  
Lab exercises: 55%  
Quizzes: 20%  
Participation 5%  

Final Exam: The final exam focuses on testing the understanding of the overall knowledge of remote sensing science and technology.  

Lab Exercises include computer-based analysis of remotely sensed images, supplemented by topics covered during lectures. You will learn basic image interpretation and some web-based image processing skills through various lab exercises.
**Quizzes:** Instead of the in-class midterm exam, quizzes will be given at the beginning of each class meeting. Quizzes include short-answer questions based on the material covered from previous lectures.

**Participation** is graded based on attendance and contribution to in-class discussion.

**Grading Policy**
Grading will following Hunter College policy as outlined in the online undergraduate catalog that can be found at [http://catalog.hunter.cuny.edu/](http://catalog.hunter.cuny.edu/).

I do not give incompletes (IN) except under the most extraordinary, and documented, circumstances. You must contact me within 48 hours of the final exam and request IN as a grade. At that time you will schedule a date to meet with me at the college and complete a Contract to Resolve Incomplete Grades. Otherwise, I will average the grades I have for you and record you the grade you have earned.

If you miss an exam, you must (1) contact me within 48 hours of the missed exam, (2) present acceptable documentary evidence for your absence, and (3) be available for the make-up exam (Note: there will be one make-up exam day at the end of the semester held outside of class for those eligible). A make-up exam covers the same material as the regular exam but will not be the same exam given as scheduled. (i.e. DON'T MISS AN EXAM).

**Resources**
- All class materials will be posted on Bb.

**Essential Policy Information:**
- Attendance/lateness policy: I expect to see you Wednesday 4:10pm-7:30pm in HN1090B unless I receive acceptable documentary evidence for your absence ahead of time, otherwise you will be marked with missing a class.
- Late work/missed tests/Incompletes: The last day to submit the required lab work is Dec. 7, 2016, unless I receive acceptable documentary evidence for your tardiness.
- Email Policy
  - Please use **GTECH 203 Introduction to Remote Sensing** in the subject line when you email me. I do not answer email with insufficient subject lines
  - Please **sign your full name as it appears in CUNYfirst to any message**. I do not answer unsigned email messages.
  - Student email will be responded within 24 hours. Please note there will be a delay for messages sent over the weekend or during non-business hours.

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**Syllabus Change Policy**
- Except for changes that substantially affect implementation of the evaluation (grading) statement, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice.
- Any changes will be updated through Bb.

**Tentative Daily Schedule**

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