

# GEOGRAPHY 2211 - MAP AND AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION

## Fall 2018

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Thurs: 10:30am - noon

TEXTBOOKS:                   **Suggested:**                   How to Lie with Maps, Monmonier  
Interpretation of Aerial Photographs, Avery & Berlin  
Goodes World Atlas

CLASS SCHEDULE:           Lectures:                   MW, 4:30 – 5:20pm, ATAC - 1007  
Labs:                        Mondays, 10:30-12:20 (either RC-2003 or ATAC-3009)  
Lab Instructor:           Jason Freeburn, RC – 2004

GRADING:                   \*Midterm Exam:           23%   **(Wednesday, Oct. 3)**  
                                  \*Map Exam:                7%    **(Monday, Sept. 24)**  
                                  \*Final Exam:             35%   **(TBA)**  
                                  \*\*Lab exercises:         35%   (11 labs, % varies)

**Exams and labs will not only test your knowledge about this subject, but will test your writing and communications skills. Most labs require a typed lab report to be submitted for grading. Your ability to write clearly and concisely will in large part determine your overall mark in this class.**

\*Absences from illness, compassionate reasons or representing the university off-campus, supported by written documentation, will be accepted as sufficient evidence to allow a rewrite of a missed test or an extension on an assignment. **Missed tests for any other reason, including undocumented illness, may be made up at a date and place to be determined. This test will consist of full-length essay questions and will be tougher than the original.** Extensions will not be allowed for assignments, other than for legitimate reasons supported by written documentation. All other late assignments will lose 10% of the available mark for each day late.

**\*\*Please read the rules on plagiarism**, these are online...go to the LU Calendar, then University Regulations, and then to Academic Dishonesty.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This techniques course focuses on map reading and interpretation techniques related to air photo acquisition and photogrammetry techniques. Digital cameras, drones, and stereoscopic viewing systems (i.e., virtual reality) are explored through lectures and practical lab exercises. See next page for lecture topics and (*lab schedules*).

## WEEKLY OUTLINE:

### Week#    Lecture Topic

### Assigned Reading:

- 1    Map appreciation  
(*no lab*)
- 2    Coordinate Systems  
Map Interpretation  
(*Lab 1 Map Interpretation – 3%*)
- 3    Map Interpretation  
(*Lab 2 Map Interpretation – 4%*)
- 4    Colour Theory  
Digital Camera Systems  
**MAP EXAM – 7% (Sept. 24)**  
(*Lab 3 Four Air Photos – 3%*)
- 5    Stereo Vision  
**MIDTERM EXAM (Oct. 3)**  
(*Lab 4 RGB Checker Board – 3%*)

**Course Website:** How to Lie with Maps,  
(chapter 3), Monmonier, 1996

### **Reading Week – Oct. 8-12**

6.    Air Photo Acquisition  
Photogrammetry – Camera Geometry
7.    Photogrammetry – Horizontal & Vertical  
Photogrammetry Parallax  
(*Lab 5 Air Photo Mission Planning and Drone Flight Demo – 3%*)
8.    Photogrammetry (cont.)  
API Elements  
(*Lab 6 Photogrammetry 1 – 4%*)
9.    Applications in API  
(*Lab 7 Photogrammetry 2 – 4%*)
10.   Applications in API  
(*Lab 8 Stereo Photogrammetry – 3%*)
11.   Applications in API  
Drone-based Imagery  
(*Lab 9 API Rural Landscapes – 4%*)
12.   Drone Flight Regulations  
3D Modelling using Blender  
(*Lab 10 API Urban Landscapes – 4%*)
13.   Exam Review  
(*Lab 11 VR Lab Tour (voluntary (0%))*)

**Course Website:** Photogrammetry, (chapter 4), Lillisand  
and Kiefer, 1994

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