

## Spatiotemporal Analysis and Modelling (C004177)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 5.0** **Study time 150 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	group work
			peer teaching
			lecture
			independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology(main subject Geography and Geomatics)	5	A
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research(main subject Transport and Mobility Engineering)	5	A
Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Land, Water and Climate	5	A
Master of Science in Geography and Geomatics	5	A
Exchange programme in Geography and Geomatics (master's level)	5	A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

Geographical information science, GITechnology, spatiotemporal analysis, spatiotemporal data mining, spatiotemporal modelling, moving objects

**Position of the course**

Today, there are many methods and techniques that are used to build, manage, process, present, integrate and/or communicate spatiotemporal data.

In this course, these methods are studied from the research field of geographical information science. GIScience can be described as that part of information science that studies geographical information.

Specific attention goes to the research of moving objects (cars, bikes, pedestrians, visitors of events, animals, sporters, ...).

**Contents**

Theory and practical exercises about:

\*Acquisition (Tracking)

-privacy and ethics

-positioning technologies

-positioning methods

-active versus passive tracking

\*Data mining (Analysis)

-the KDD process

-taxonomy of basic data mining methods (clustering, association rule learning, sequential pattern discovery, outlier detection, visualization, classification)

-spatiotemporal data mining

\*Modeling

-cellular automata

-multi-agent systems

-time geography

-QTC (Qualitative Trajectory Calculus)-invers + PDP (Point Descriptor Precedence)-invers

### Initial competences

- Familiar with programming, preferably in Python.
- Successfully finished the course Geographic Information Systems or acquired the competences of this course in another way.

### Final competences

- 1 Apply methods of GIScience.
- 2 Have a critical overview of international research in GIScience.
- 3 Know the recent developments in GIScience.
- 4 Analyse complex space(-time) phenomena.
- 5 Have a command of advanced concepts and knowledge of GIScience.
- 6 Contribute to the research of applications in geo-information science.
- 7 Individually formulate and analyse research questions concerning a research theme in GIScience.
- 8 Describe and use models and calculi in GIScience.
- 9 Critically reflect on one's own thinking within GIScience and related disciplines.
- 10 Represent a written report.
- 11 Orally present and defend research results.
- 12 Describe and reason about the interaction between GIScience and society.
- 13 independently perform scientific studies.

### Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

### Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

### Teaching methods

Group work, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

### Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures (25 hours)
- Independent work (10 hours)
- Group work (10 hours)
- Microteaching (2 hours)
- This course assumes the responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI). During the lessons, what this means will be explained.

### Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Self-written syllabus  
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty  
Optional: no  
Language : English  
Number of Pages : 100  
Oldest Usable Edition : AY2425  
Available on Ufora : Yes  
Online Available : No  
Available in the Library : No  
Available through Student Association : No

Type: Slides

Name: Self-created sildes  
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty  
Optional: no  
Language : English  
Number of Slides : 500  
Oldest Usable Edition : AY2425  
Available on Ufora : Yes  
Online Available : No  
Available in the Library : No  
Available through Student Association : No

### References

**Course content-related study coaching**

- By the practical assistants
- Interactive support using Ufora

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible

**Calculation of the examination mark**

- Non-periodical: 30%.
- Periodical: 70%.