

# Applications to Environmental & Geological Sciences

## Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences

### ERTH / GEOG 5520 Winter 2024

*Dalhousie University acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and pays respect to the Indigenous knowledges held by the Mi'kmaq People, and to the wisdom of their Elders past and present. The Mi'kmaq People signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Crown, and section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights. We are all Treaty people.*

*Dalhousie University also acknowledges the histories, contributions, and legacies of African Nova Scotians, who have been here for over 400 years.*

#### Teaching Team

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#### Course Description

Geographic information systems (GIS) provide a rich set of new tools to the geologist and environmental scientist, not only to solve conventional problems, but also to explore questions not readily answered by other means. This course builds on the fundamentals of GIS taught in ERTH 3500.03 to explore analytical tools that aid in decision-making processes encountered in mineral exploration, hydrogeology, site selection, environmental assessment, and global change analysis. The course concentrates on case studies and problem solving, including those requiring multi-criteria and multi-objective decision-making processes.

**Course Prerequisites**

GEOG 3500, ENVS 3500, EARTH 3500; EARTH 5600, or SCIE 3600; STAT 1060

**Cross-Listing**

GEOG 4520.03, EARTH 5520.03

**Course Exclusions**

Credit will only be given for one of EARTH 4520.03, EARTH 5520.03, GEOG 4520.03

**Learning Objectives**

With successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- recognize and describe how spatial data differs from aspatial data;
- explain why these differences create a need for new methods that explicitly consider the importance of location;
- compare and contrast different categories of spatial analysis and recognize how fundamental Geographic Information Science topics influence analytical choices;
- conduct advanced spatial analysis using GIS software; and
- compare and contrast how geographic information systems can be used to aid in advanced decision-making across several disciplines.

**Student Resources**

**Student Hours for the Course Instructor** are booked through the MS-BOOKINGS site for Dr. Greene's courses (<https://bit.ly/3C06Pda>). Appointments are generally booked for 20-minute time slots. Other ad hoc services like test viewing tend to be shorter appointment windows.

While it is a teaching space, **the Elizabeth May Centre for Geocomputation** (LSC-2012) is open to students to work when there are no scheduled classes. The lab is open 7:00 am to 10:00 pm except on university holidays. Additionally, the class schedule for the lab will be posted on the door to assist students with planning.

The **GIS Centre (located on the 5th floor of the Killam Library)** also supports this class by providing access to additional applied help during normal business hours (10 am - 4 pm). Appointments with a staff member for help on workshops or projects can be booked through their MS-BOOKINGS page (<https://bit.ly/3OM7dDI>). It is also critical to note that the GIS Centre assists with applied parts of the course only; staff do not assist in answering theory-related questions on class deliverables.

## Course Structure

### Course Delivery

This course employs a **blended delivery model**, with both in-person synchronous and asynchronous remote elements for the class. Moreover, the synchronous elements of the class are designed for in-person delivery with several deliverables requiring in-person attendance to complete (i.e., weekly exercises, three term tests).

While synchronous lecture sessions will have a remote stream for students that are unable to attend due to illness, these sessions are by request only and generally not recorded as the sessions are not designed as traditional lectures and most frequently engaging with organized pen and paper exercises.

Finally, this course employs the ESRI platform ArcGIS Pro™. As a U.S.-based Company ESRI observes embargoes placed on several countries by the U.S. government and do not permit exporting / use of the software in those embargoed nations for non-government users. From ESRI's Export Compliance material:

*"In addition, ENC products are eligible for export to any nongovernment customer in all destinations except the embargoed countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Russia, Belarus, and the Regions of Crimea, Donetsk People's Republic, and Luhansk People's Republic of Ukraine."*

### Lectures

The scheduled **Tuesday sections** will be designated for students to complete recorded lectures **except** for the class overview, weeks a test is to be held, and to make up for any unexpected class cancellation where the Tuesday section will then be used to reduce content progression.

The scheduled **Thursday sessions** will remain in-person and involve organized class exercises, student Q & A, test delivery, and introduction of upcoming applied exercises. These sessions are scheduled in LSC Common Area 206 (LSC-C206).

### Laboratories

One three-hour in-person lab section per week (there are three scheduled options), held in the Elizabeth May Centre for Geocomputation (LSC-2012). This location may be moved to the new teaching lab (LSC-3111) if construction is completed before the end of the semester, Students are permitted to contact the scheduled Teaching Assistant via MS-TEAMS with questions during their scheduled lab section if they are unable to attend In-person.

## Course Materials

### *Recommended Textbook*

Lloyd, C. (2010). *Spatial Data Analysis: An Introduction for GIS Users*. Toronto, ON: Oxford University Press. Available as an e-book through the Dalhousie Libraries.

Burrough, P.A., McDonnell, R.A., & Lloyd, C.D. (2015). *Principles of Geographical Information Systems*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. Not available through library.

### *Software*

Access to ArcGIS Pro™ 3.1 and GeoDa 1.20+ is required. Both pieces of software are installed on all Dalhousie campus machines (e.g., the Elizabeth May Teaching Lab, the Wallace McCain Learning Common, Killam Library). The ArcGIS Pro™ software may also be available to you on your own computer through two alternative methods<sup>1</sup>:

- 1) **Downloading ArcGIS Pro™** through the Dalhousie Software resources to run on a Windows Operating System (<https://software.library.dal.ca/>). It is important to double-check the hardware requirements for the software if using this approach (<https://bit.ly/3jGbk4k>) as video capacity (recommended minimum is a 4 GB GPU) tends to be a common limitation. Because this class will be providing access to a named user account, the Dalhousie VPN will not be necessary if licensing of the local install is managed through the named user.
- 2) **Web Delivered Access** through a strong, stable broadband connection in a virtual lab environment (<https://apps.vlab.dal.ca/>, use: ArcGIS) or a remote desktop connection (<https://remoteaccess.labstats.com/dalhousie-university>). This method can be used by either Windows or Mac operating systems through a downloadable client, or through a web browser. If you have not used any of the remote access options, instructions will be posted to the LMS to complete in the first week of classes.

### *Digital Storage*

There are several times during the course where digital files are used across several weeks and deliverables. Because campus terminals are “frozen”, students will need to save their work to an external location like their Dalhousie OneDrive or to an external USB drive (best practice is to save duplicates in separate locations). I recommend bringing a 64 GB Minimum USB drive (USB-3 recommended) to use exclusively for this course to save weekly applied work in addition to saving to OneDrive.

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<sup>1</sup> If using either of these options, students are responsible for ensuring they have either an appropriate Windows capable machine at home and / or a stable broadband internet connection (ethernet strongly recommended) to use VMWare or Remote Desktop.

## Assessment

Category	Component	Weight	Date
<b>Applied</b>	Workshops	50	Weekly*
	Proposal	100	February 26 <sup>th</sup> (Noon)
	Project Update	50	March 26 <sup>th</sup> (Noon)
	Final Deliverable	250	April 8 <sup>th</sup> (Noon)
<b>Theoretical</b>	In Class Exercises	100	Weekly
	Term Test 1	150	February 1 <sup>st</sup> (In Person)
	Term Test 2	150	March 7 <sup>th</sup> (in Person)
	Term Test 3	150	April 4 <sup>th</sup> (In Person)
<b>Total</b>		<b>1000</b>	

*\*Structured Workshops are due +72 hours after the end of your scheduled lab section.*

### Assignments

Applied – Small Value Lab Deliverables (50 pts.): Standalone, structured exercises completed in a single lab session with a deliverable such as a single map or worksheet to be evaluated. These exercises introduce and develop fundamental GIS techniques and data management practices in preparation for the Independent Lab Project. Workshop deliverables are due +72 hours from the end of the student’s scheduled lab section.

Applied – One Independent Research Project (400 pts.): One larger, independent, research project, requiring students to execute a remote sensing analysis on a topic and area of their choice. These projects are intended to develop the ability to integrate and contextualize analytical outputs in a manuscript style final deliverable.

Proposal (100 pts.) – Due February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at noon

Preliminary Results (50 pts.) – Due March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at noon

Final Deliverable (250 pts.) – Due April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at noon

Synchronous Session – In Class Exercises (100 pts.): Weekly pen & paper exercises completed and discussed in the lecture section of the class. These exercises are pass / fail and intended to reinforce specific lecture topics or to demonstrate how the software executes an operation on one or more inputs.

### ***Knowledge Tests***

Students will complete three written tests for a total of 450 pts. Each test is valued at 150 pts towards the final grade and largely structured as short/long answer format. Tests are held during the scheduled in person sessions and have a 90-minute time limit.

Test 1 (150 pts) – Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; Content = Modules 1

Test 2 (150 pts.) - Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Content = Modules 2 & 3

Test 3 (150 pts.) – Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Content = Modules 4 & 5

Content on Tests 2 and 3 are not fully “cumulative” but may rely on several scaffolded topics from previous tests that carry through the entire term and underpin later concepts covered in the course.

### ***Final Exam***

There is no final exam for this course. However, a time slot will be scheduled during the final exam period to deliver makeup tests for those missing a term test for valid reasons during the semester.

### ***Other Course Requirements***

Students must earn 385 total points in the theory portion of the class and earn 315 total points in the applied portion of the class to complete the course. Students that do not achieve this threshold in both the theory and applied portions of the course will be assigned an F regardless of the total number of points earned.

Grade	Range	Definition and Expectations
<b>A+</b>	90-100	<b>Excellent:</b> Considerable evidence of original thinking; demonstrated outstanding capacity to analyze and synthesize; outstanding grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.
<b>A</b>	85-89	
<b>A-</b>	80-84	
<b>B+</b>	77-79	<b>Good:</b> Evidence of grasp of subject matter, some evidence of critical capacity and analytical ability; reasonable understanding of relevant issues; evidence of familiarity with the literature.
<b>B</b>	73-76	
<b>B-</b>	70-72	
<b>C+</b>	65-69	<b>Satisfactory:</b> Evidence of some understanding of the subject matter; ability to develop solutions to simple problems; benefitting from his/her university experience.
<b>C</b>	60-64	
<b>C-</b>	55-59	
<b>D</b>	50-54	<b>Marginal Pass:</b> Evidence of minimally acceptable familiarity with subject matter, critical and analytical skills (except in programs where a minimum grade of ‘C’ is required).
<b>F</b>	<50	<b>Inadequate:</b> Insufficient evidence of understanding of the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytical skills; limited or irrelevant use of the literature.

## Important Dates

Last Day to Change / Add Courses:	January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024
Last Day to Drop without "W":	February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Last Day to Change to Audit (or Credit):	February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Last Day to Drop with "W":	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Munro Day - University closed:	Friday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024
NS Heritage Day - University Closed:	Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Winter Reading Week:	Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024
Good Friday - University Closed:	Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Classes end, Winter and Multi Term:	Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Break before exams:	Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Examinations begin:	Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Examinations end:	Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024

## General Course Management Policies

### *Audits*

As per the university calendar, audits of this course are only permitted if permission to audit the course is given by the course instructor and a plan of what constitutes the planned audit is agreed upon by the instructor and student.

### *Synchronous Sessions*

There are no direct grade penalties for not attending the scheduled synchronous session (i.e., attendance). There are, however, assessments such as in-class exercises and term tests delivered and submitted during the synchronous sessions over the semester. Moreover, these sessions are also intended to provide a forum to ask clarification questions about lecture content, lab projects, and upcoming tests or exams. Material covered in the synchronous session may not be replicated in other media (i.e., the sessions are not recorded). Students are responsible for any information missed in the synchronous sessions.

### *Learning Management System (LMS)*

Important information is posted to the LMS several times a week. It is the responsibility of each student to check the LMS and their Dalhousie email on a regular basis to ensure they are not missing any important materials, updates, announcements, etc.

Materials posted to the Learning Management System are for personal use only and are not to be shared (see Copyright Disclaimer in the LMS Course Shell). Sharing class materials with other students (registered in the class, not in the class, or outside the institution) is not

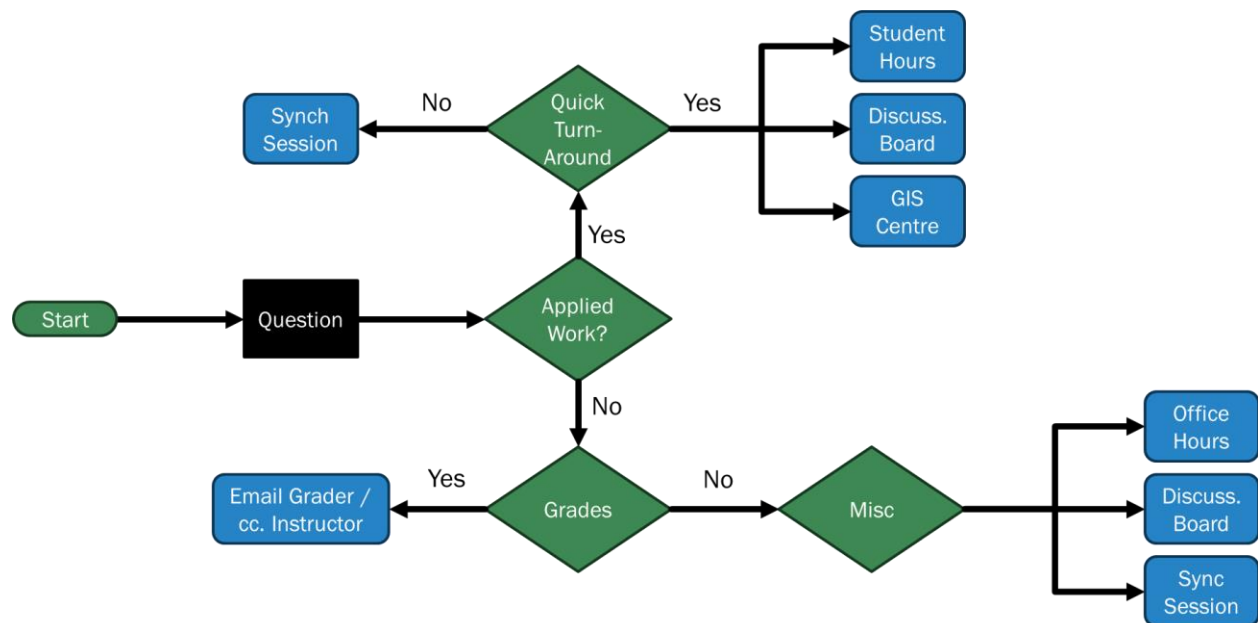
permitted. Posting class materials to course sharing sites is also not permitted and could be considered both a copyright issue as well as a breach of academic integrity.

### Communications

Students are required to use discussion boards in the Learning Management System for many communication types, especially if related to course management and assessments that have applicability to the entire class cohort. If the Instructor, Lab Instructor, or Teaching Assistants receive an email and feel the question should go to the discussion boards, they will ask the student to replicate their question there for a full response or to ask the question in the next scheduled synchronous session.

Discussion boards will be set up to allow anonymous posting to increase the comfort level of students posting publicly. Please note that even with anonymous posting the moderator (i.e., the teaching staff) will know the identity of the user posting. Please endeavor to be courteous in all communications, including discussion boards.

Due to the volume of emails received during the semester, I am unable to guarantee immediate responses to email enquiries. Typically, students should expect an average of one business day for turnaround of responses to emailed questions. A rough decision tree to assist students in what communications tools to employ has been provided below.



*Enquiries containing sensitive information or where privacy should be maintained should always be handled through office hours or email communications, never discussion boards,*



### ***Social Media***

It can be disheartening to see your instructor posting material to social media that negatively discusses their students, even when those posts do not identify individuals. As students in this class, you have my promise that I will not publicly post anything negative about participants in this class.

### ***Course Variations***

The course will be taught as close to the listed schedule as possible; however, some deviation from this schedule may be required as the term progresses.

## **Course Policies related to Late or Missed Academic Requirements**

### ***Student Absence Declaration***

This course has opted into the student declaration of absence in lieu of sick notes. Please refer to <https://bit.ly/2NJS8jw> for specific details about the use of the Student Declaration of Absence. This mechanism is meant to substitute for sick notes from a doctor related to short absences (less than three days) and does not provide an automatic exemption from any missed assessments. Accommodating the absence whether by exemption, extra time, makeup assessment, other is at the discretion of the course instructor. The SDA process can only be used twice in the course.

To streamline the process, when submitting an SDA you are required to submit the formal Dalhousie PDF (<https://bit.ly/3NLYro9>) through the completion of a Microsoft form (<https://forms.office.com/r/arS1XaKmXm>) that will automatically send an email to the instructor when the form is submitted, thus satisfying the “inform instructor” portion of the policy. A link to this form is also provided in the LMS to the right of the Course Announcements.

### ***Discretionary Extensions (“the Saving Throw”)***

In addition to accommodations provided by the SDA policy and long-term absence policy, each student begins the semester with five discretionary extensions they may use on any applied assessment (workshop or lab project). These extensions differ from accommodations like SDAs in that Students may choose to a discretionary extension to apply a +24-hour extension on that assessment for any reason not covered by standard accommodation policies, for any reason at all and with no questions asked. A maximum of 2 of these discretionary extensions or “Saving Throws” can be applied to the same assessment for a maximum of a +48 hour extension on the assessment.

Please note, the teaching staff must be informed prior to the deadline (see Communications Decision Tree) for the assessment passing to use these extensions for the extension to apply. A Microsoft Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/nABdPUvAfP>) has been created for students to submit these requests. Like the SDA submission, this link is also provided in the LMS to the right of Course Announcements.

You can use a discretionary extension / saving throw after the deadline, however half the late penalty (or “half damage” for any D&D peeps out there) will be applied for that saving throw. Additional saving throws for the same assessment requested prior to the deadline are treated independently.

These discretionary extensions are meant to supplement applicable policies such as the SDA (i.e., they are in addition to existing policies), and not meant to act as a replacement for these existing policies. If you are sick, have accommodations that include extensions, are in bereavement, then the policies that normally govern those conditions (SDA, Accessibility, etc.).

### ***Missed Small Deliverables (Module-Related Exercises and Structured Workshops)***

For both the module related exercises and the structured workshops, the lowest individual item for each will be dropped from the total score. If a student does not submit an item, that item is assigned a 0 and will count as the lowest score item.

### ***Missed Tests***

If a student misses a term test for valid reasons, they can write a make-up test to be scheduled during the final exam period. Students that miss more than one term test must consult with the instructor for options on a case-by-case basis.

### ***Submission of Work and Late Penalties***

To reduce the carbon footprint related to class delivery, most work will be submitted and graded electronically in the Brightspace LMS to reduce paper use.

Late penalties for written work without accommodation from the instructor are -20% per calendar day. Late penalties begin to accrue after the assigned submission time has been reached. For example, if an assignment is due on September 4th at 12:00 pm, submissions past that time (plus a brief “grace period”) are subject to the first application of a -20% late penalty.

## **Course Policies related to Academic Integrity**

All written work may be subject to evaluation using a plagiarism detection service. All students are responsible for ensuring the product they submit to the LMS is the one they intended to submit. There has been an emerging trend of “I submitted the wrong draft” as a justification for high similarity in originality detection, or as an effort to buy time to avoid late penalties from submitting after the scheduled due date. If a resubmission is permitted, that submission will be subject to a grade penalty unless there is timely notification from the student to the instructor that the wrong draft was submitted.

Unless otherwise noted by the instructor, independent work is required for each student. General discussion and peer tutoring are acceptable and encouraged; however, assessments with highly similar structure and flow of ideas are not acceptable and could be submitted to the faculty academic integrity officer for review. Similarly, if not indicated in individual assessment instructions, then the products of Large Language Models / Generative AI (e.g.,

text generated by ChatGPT, Conch AI, Mobile ChatBot extensions, browser extensions) will not be considered as independent student work and is explicitly not permitted for use in assessment submissions.

## Course Content

Week	Date	Theory / Applied	Assessment
1	Jan. 8 to Jan. 14	Overview / SWS-0*	-
2	Jan. 15 to Jan. 21	Module 1 / SWS-1	SWS-1**
3	Jan. 22 to Jan. 28	Module 1 / SWS-2	SWS-2**
4	Jan. 29 to Feb. 4	Module 2 / SWS-3	Test 1, SWS-3**
5	Feb. 5 to Feb. 11	Module 2 / Working***	-
6	Feb. 12 to Feb. 18	Module 3 / Working***	-
7	Feb. 19 to Feb. 25	Reading Week	-
8	Feb. 26 to Mar. 3	Module 3 / SWS-4	Proposal, SWS-4**
9	Mar. 4 to Mar. 10	Module 4 / SWS-5	Test 2, SWS-5**
10	Mar. 11 to Mar. 17	Module 4 / SWS-6	SWS-6**
11	Mar. 18 to Mar. 24	Module 5 / SWS-7	SWS-7**
12	Mar. 25 to Mar. 31	Module 5 / Working***	Project Update
13	April 1 to April 7	Module 6 / Working***	Test 3
14	April 8 to April 9	Wrap / Working***	Project Final Deliverable

\*SWS-0 is intended for Students that have not yet used ArcGIS Pro™ or Virtual Systems.

\*\*Workshop deliverables are due +72 hours from the end of your scheduled lab section.

\*\*\*Working weeks have lab instructor support for the leading 2 hours of the lab section.

## Topic List

### **Module 1**

1-1: Review of Concepts I – EARTH3500, Burroughs Ch. 2

1-2 Review of Concepts II – EARTH3500, Burroughs Ch. 2

1-3: Aspatial Descriptive Statistics – Burroughs Ch. 6 (6.1 to 6.2); Lloyd Ch. 3

1-4: Aspatial Inferential Statistics I – Burroughs Ch. 6 (6.2 to 6.3); Lloyd Ch. 3

1-5: Aspatial Inferential Statistics II – Burroughs Ch. 6 (6.2 to 6.3); Lloyd Ch. 3

1-6: Spatial Effects – N/A or TBD

### **Module 2**

2-1: Spatial Autocorrelation – Burroughs Ch. 6 (6.4 to 6.5)

2-2: Spatial Autocorrelation in Practice – Greene et al., 2017

2-3: Analyzing Spatial Patterns I – Burroughs Ch. 6; Lloyd Ch. 7

2-4: Analyzing Spatial Patterns II – Frazier et al., 2013

2-5: Analyzing Spatial Patterns III – Burroughs Ch. 6, Lloyd Ch. 7

### **Module 3**

3-1: Surface Analysis I – Burroughs Ch. 11; Lloyd Ch. 10

3-2: Surface Analysis II – Burroughs Ch. 11; Lloyd Ch. 10

3-3: Surface Analysis III – Burroughs Ch. 11; Lloyd Ch. 10

3-4: Advanced Overlay I – Lloyd Ch. 5

3-5: Advanced Overlay II – N/A or TBD

### **Module 4**

4-1: Spatial Interpolation I – Burroughs Ch. 8; Lloyd Ch. 7

4-2: Spatial Interpolation II – Burroughs Ch. 8; Lloyd Ch. 7

4-3: Spatial Interpolation III – Burroughs Ch. 8; Lloyd Ch. 7

4-4: Spatial Interpolation IV – Burroughs Ch. 8; Lloyd Ch. 7

4-5: Spatial Interpolation V – Burroughs Ch. 8; Lloyd Ch. 7

### **Module 5**

5-1: Spatial Regression I – N/A or TBD

5-2: Spatial Regression II – N/A or TBD

5-3: Spatial Regression III – Burroughs Ch. 6 (6.6); Lloyd Ch. 8

5-4: Network Analysis I – Lloyd Ch. 6

5-5: Network Analysis II – Lloyd Ch. 6

## University Policies and Statements

### Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit or e-mail the Indigenous Student Centre at 1321 Edward St or [elders@dal.ca](mailto:elders@dal.ca). Additional information regarding the Indigenous Student Centre can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/indigenous.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html)

### Internationalization

At Dalhousie, 'thinking and acting globally' enhances the quality and impact of education, supporting learning that is "interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, global in reach, and orientated toward solving problems that extend across national borders." Additional internationalization information can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/internationalization.html>

### Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility, and respect. As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity. Additional academic integrity information can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/academic-integrity.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html)

### Accessibility

The Student Accessibility Centre is Dalhousie's centre of expertise for matters related to student accessibility and accommodation. If there are aspects of the design, instruction, and/or experiences within this course (online or in-person) that result in barriers to your inclusion, please contact the Student Accessibility Centre ([https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/accessibility.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/accessibility.html)) for all courses offered by Dalhousie with the exception of Truro. For courses offered by the Faculty of Agriculture, please contact the Student Success Centre in Truro (<https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/agricultural-campus/student-success-centre.html>)

## **Conduct in the Classroom – Culture of Respect**

Substantial and constructive dialogue on challenging issues is an important part of academic inquiry and exchange. It requires willingness to listen and tolerance of opposing points of view. Consideration of individual differences and alternative viewpoints is required of all class members, towards each other, towards instructors, and towards guest speakers. While expressions of differing perspectives are welcome and encouraged, the words and language used should remain within acceptable bounds of civility and respect.

## **Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect**

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2). Additional diversity and inclusion information can be found at: <http://www.dal.ca/cultureofrespect.html>

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal manner - perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution. The full Code of Student Conduct can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html)

## **Fair Dealing Policy**

The Dalhousie University Fair Dealing Policy provides guidance for the limited use of copyright protected material without the risk of infringement and without having to seek the permission of copyright owners. It is intended to provide a balance between the rights of creators and the rights of users at Dalhousie. Additional information regarding the Fair Dealing Policy can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/academic/fair-dealing-policy.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/fair-dealing-policy.html)

## **Originality Checking Software**

The course instructor may use Dalhousie's approved originality checking software and Google to check the originality of any work submitted for credit, in accordance with the Student Submission of Assignments and Use of Originality Checking Software Policy. Students are free, without penalty of grade, to choose an alternative method of attesting to the authenticity of their work and must inform the instructor no later than the last day to add/drop classes of their intent to choose an alternate method. Additional information regarding Originality Checking Software can be found at:

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/academic/student-submission-of-assignments-and-use-of-originality-checking-software-policy-.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/student-submission-of-assignments-and-use-of-originality-checking-software-policy-.html)

## **Student Use of Course Materials**

Course materials are designed for use as part of this course at Dalhousie University and are the property of the instructor unless otherwise stated. Third party copyrighted materials (such as books, journal articles, music, videos, etc.) have either been licensed for use in this course or fall under an exception or limitation in Canadian Copyright law. Copying this course material for distribution (e.g., uploading to a commercial third-party website) may lead to a violation of Copyright law.

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# Student Resources and Support

## University Policies and Programs

Important Dates in the Academic Year (including add/drop dates):

[http://www.dal.ca/academics/important\\_dates.html](http://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html)

Classroom Recording Protocol:

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/academic/classroom-recording-protocol.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/classroom-recording-protocol.html)

Dalhousie Grading Practices Policies:

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices-policy.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/academic/grading-practices-policy.html)

Grade Appeal Process: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/grades-and-student-records/appealing-a-grade.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/grades-and-student-records/appealing-a-grade.html)

Sexualized Violence Policy: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/health-and-safety/sexualized-violence-policy.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/health-and-safety/sexualized-violence-policy.html)

Scent-Free Program: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/occupational-safety/scent-free.html>

## Learning and Support Resources

General Academic Support – Advising (Halifax): [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/advising.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html)

General Academic Support – Advising (Truro): <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/agricultural-campus/ssc/academic-support/advising.html>

Student Health & Wellness Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/health-and-wellness.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness.html)

On Track (helps you transition into university, and supports you through your first year at Dalhousie and beyond): [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/On-track.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/On-track.html)

Indigenous Student Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/indigenous.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html)

Indigenous Connection: <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/indigenous-connection.html>



Elders-in-Residence (The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit the office in the Indigenous Student Centre or contact the program at [elders@dal.ca](mailto:elders@dal.ca) or 902-494-6803: <https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/academics/UG/indigenous-studies/Elder-Protocol-July2018.pdf>

Black Student Advising Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/black-student-advising.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/black-student-advising.html)

International Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/international-centre.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre.html)

South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre: <https://southhousehalifax.ca/about/>

LGBTQ2SIA+ Collaborative: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/vpei/edia/education/community-specific-spaces/LGBTQ2SIA-collaborative.html>

Dalhousie Libraries: <http://libraries.dal.ca/>

Copyright Office: <https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office.html>

Dalhousie Student Advocacy Services: <https://www.dsu.ca/dsas?rq=student%20advocacy>

Dalhousie Ombudsperson: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/student-rights-and-responsibilities/where-to-get-help/ombudsperson.html)

Human Rights and Equity Services: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/hres.html>

Writing Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html)

Study Skills/Tutoring: [http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html)

Faculty of Science Advising Support: <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/current-students/undergrad-students/degree-planning.html>

## **Safety**

Biosafety: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/biosafety.html>

Chemical Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/chemical-safety.html>

Radiation Safety: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety.html>

Laser Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety/laser-safety.html>