

**Western Illinois University – School of Agriculture**  
**AGTM 471: Agricultural Remote Sensing (3)**  
**Course Syllabus – Fall 2017 “Subject to Change”**

**Course Meets:** MW 12:00 – 12:50 pm in KH 307 TH 10:00 – 11:50 am in KH 307  
**Required Text:** TBD

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Fall 2017 Course Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1 (8:00-8:50)		AGTM 360 KH 307-Lecture		AGTM 360 KH 307-Lecture	
Period 2 (9:00-9:50)		AGTM 360 KH 307-Lecture		AGTM 360 KH 307-Lecture	
Period 3 (10:00-10:50)				AGTM 471 KH 307-Lab	
Period 4 (11:00-11:50)				AGTM 471 KH 307-Lab	
Period 5 (12:00-12:50)	AGTM 471 KH 307-Lecture		AGTM 471 KH 307-Lecture		
Period 6 (1:00-1:50)	Office Hour	Office Hour	Office Hour		
Period 7 (2:00-2:50)	AGTM 368 KH 307-Lecture	Office Hour	AGTM 368 KH 307-Lecture		
Period 8 (3:00-3:50)	AGTM 207 KH 307-Lecture	AGTM 368 KH 307/B2-Lab	AGTM 207 KH 307-Lecture	AGTM 368 KH 307/B2-Lab	
Period 9 (4:00-4:50)	AGTM 207 KH 307-Lecture	AGTM 368 KH 307/B2-Lab	AGTM 207 KH 307-Lecture	AGTM 368 KH 307/B2-Lab	

**Course Description:** Course addresses concepts of remote sensing for precision agriculture. Topics include: global positioning system (GPS) accuracy & differential GPS, vegetative spectral reflectance signatures, multispectral and hyperspectral imagery, indices, and various analysis techniques for agricultural datasets.

**Course Objectives:**

- Identify principles of GPS including factors affecting accuracy and differential correction for GPS
- Explain principles of map scale and projection and coordinate systems
- Express methods for capturing multispectral and hyperspectral remotely sensed agricultural data
- Appraise vegetative spectral reflectance signatures
- Describe various dataset analysis techniques including indices, spectral change analysis, principal component analysis, and cluster analysis

**Attendance:** If at any time you miss the lecture or lab, please use the OARS system to report your absence ([www.wiu.edu/oars](http://www.wiu.edu/oars)). I will need the email generated from this system prior to class and not after. If I receive the email after class has ended then the late grade policies come into effect. It is the student’s responsibility to coordinate with the instructor to make up missed work. Quizzes may be given at any time and no makeup quizzes will be given unless the instructor approves the absence prior to missing class.

**Quality of Work Policy:** All assignments should be word processed with title of assignment, name, date, and a summary of the assignment included at the beginning of the assignment. Run spell-checker. If completing multiple-step problems, show all work. Your work should be neat and orderly.

**Academic Dishonesty:** <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php>

Any violation of the Academic Dishonesty Policy in Student Handbook will result in an automatic failure in the course. Plagiarism and cheating are areas of concern for this course. This course is designed to enhance your writing and presentation skills within your academic area, not the ability to copy other’s thoughts and ideas.

**Assessment and Grading:** Your final grade is based on your overall weighted percent of the following:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	20%
Final Exam (Comprehensive)	30%
Quizzes	20%
Class participation	15% (Participation includes attendance)

**Grading Scale**

A	93 – 100%	A-	90 – 92%	B+	87 – 89%	B	83 – 86%
B-	80 – 82%	C+	77 – 79%	C	73 – 76%	C-	70 – 72%
D+	67 – 69%	D	63 – 66%	D-	60 – 62%	F	< 60%

**Students Rights and Responsibilities:** <http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students.php>

**Disruptive Student Behavior:** <http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/disrupst.php>

**Final Grades:** Unless a computational error was made, grades will not be changed after the end of the semester. Please do not come to the instructor with “extenuating circumstances” for why your grade should be changed – the semester grade represents the level of work you completed over the semester.

**Late Assignments:** No late assignments will be accepted unless instructor approves of turning in an assignment late prior to assignment’s due date. Assignments will be due at the beginning of class on their due date. Hand written assignments will not be accepted unless instructed otherwise. Assignments will be 12 point font with 1” margins. Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling and grammar.

**Attention Education Majors:** The changes within the state certification require all education majors to receive a grade of a "C" or better in this course in order to meet these new requirements. With the university +/- grading system, receiving a "C-" or below will require you to retake this course or find a substitute course to meet School of Agriculture graduation requirements.

**Professional Learning Environment:** Please be respectful of your fellow students and the instructor and do your part to maintain the professional learning environment of this course. **Please silence your cell phones. Avoid texting during class.** Individual disruptions, such as **entering the classroom late, allowing your cell phone to ring audibly, engaging in unrelated activities (e.g., texting or surfing the web)** during class time, or **packing your belongings before class ends**, distract other students and detract from the quality of the learning environment for the whole class. Infractions will be noted and your class participation grade will suffer. The instructor reserves the right to ask for cell phones to be returned to students after the class period or to remove from group work a student who is demonstrating inadequate levels of participation.

**ADA Compliance:** “In accordance with University policy and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), academic accommodations may be made for any student who notifies the instructor of the need for an accommodation. For the instructor to provide the proper accommodation(s) you must obtain documentation of the need for an accommodation through Disability Resource Center (DRC) and provide it to the instructor. It is imperative that you take the initiative to bring such needs to the instructor's attention, as he/she is not legally permitted to inquire about such particular needs of students. Students who may require special assistance in emergency evacuations (i.e. fire, tornado, etc.) should contact the instructor as to the most appropriate procedures to follow in such an emergency. Contact Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 298-2512 for additional services.”

**University values, Title IX, and other federal and state laws prohibit sex discrimination, including sexual assault/misconduct, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of any of these offenses, we encourage you to report this to the Title IX Coordinator at 309-298-1977 or anonymously online at: [http://www.wiu.edu/equal\\_opportunity\\_and\\_access/request\\_form/index](http://www.wiu.edu/equal_opportunity_and_access/request_form/index). If you disclose an incident to a faculty member, the faculty member must notify the Title IX Coordinator. The complete Title IX policy is available at: <http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/titleIX>.**

**Tentative Schedule \*\*\* Scheduling and weekly topics are subject to change at instructor’s discretion \*\*\***

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>
21-Aug – 24-Aug	Course Intro., requirements, etc.; Intro to Remote Sensing (R/S)
28-Aug – 31-Aug	Review of GPS, map scale, coordinate signatures
04-Sep – 07-Sep	Labor Day – No Class; Electromagnetic Radiation
11-Sep – 14-Sep	Electromagnetic Radiation
18-Sep – 21-Sep	Electromagnetic Radiation; Photogrammetry and Image Interpretation
25-Sep – 28-Sep	Photogrammetry and Image Interpretation
02-Oct – 05-Oct	Review for Exam 1; Exam 1; Digital Imagery
09-Oct – 12-Oct	Digital Imagery
16-Oct – 19-Oct	OOT - No Class; Digital Imagery
23-Oct – 26-Oct	Digital Imagery; Multispectral / Hyperspectral R/S Systems
30-Oct – 02-Nov	Multispectral / Hyperspectral R/S Systems
06-Nov – 09-Nov	Review for Exam 2; Exam 2; Vegetative Spectral Signatures
13-Nov – 16-Nov	OOT - No Class; Vegetative Spectral Signatures, Indices; Cluster Analysis
20-Nov – 23-Nov	Thanksgiving – No Class
27-Nov – 30-Nov	Indices; Cluster Analysis, Spectral Change Analysis, Principal Comp. Analysis
04-Dec – 07-Dec	Vegetative Analysis; Review for Final Exam

**Final Exam – KH 307, Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:50 pm**