Geographic Information Systems, Graduate Certificate

A geographic information system (GIS) combines layers of data to give needed information on specific locations. Such a system can map environmental sensitivities or geological features or can report on how best to speed emergency personnel to an accident or crime scene. Current fields using GIS include healthcare, public safety, environmental management, transportation and operations technology, real estate, and public utilities.

The Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems program offers hands-on training, seeking to give students the necessary skills and understanding to apply GIS competently and effectively. As a result of the certificate curriculum, students should be well versed in GIS theory, have practical hands-on exposure to GIS software and hardware, understand the representation of data in both mapped and tabular forms, and know how to plan and construct spatial databases.

The courses in this certificate program may be applied to the Master of Professional Studies in Geospatial Services (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/geospatial-services-mps/).

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
GIS 5103	Foundations of Geographic Information Science	4
RMS 5105	Fundamentals of Remote Sensing	3
GIS 5201	Advanced Spatial Analysis	3

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following:		6
ITC 6480	Amazon Web Service (AWS) Cloud Architecting	
GIS 6320	Use and Applications of Free and Open-Source GIS Desktop Software	
GIS 6340	GIS Customization	
GIS 6345	Geospatial Programming	
GIS 6350	Planning a GIS Implementation	
GIS 6360	Spatial Databases	
GIS 6370	Internet-Based GIS	
GIS 6385	GIS/Cartography	
GIS 6983	Topics	

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

16 total quarter hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required