

# MODULE DESCRIPTION FORM

## نموذج وصف المادة الدراسية

Module Information			
معلومات المادة الدراسية			
Module Title	<b>Geographical Information Systems</b>		Module Delivery
Module Type	<b>Core</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theory <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial <input type="checkbox"/> Practical <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar
Module Code	<b>UOMU0302053</b>		
ECTS Credits	<b>5</b>		
SWL (hr/sem)	<b>125</b>		
Module Level	3	Semester of Delivery	5
Administering Department	الأنظمة الطبية الذكية	College	العلوم
Module Leader		e-mail	
Module Leader's Acad. Title		Module Leader's Qualification	
Module Tutor		e-mail	
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Scientific Committee Approval Date	1/10/2025	Version Number	2.0

Relation with other Modules			
العلاقة مع المواد الدراسية الأخرى			
Prerequisite module	None		Semester
Co-requisites module	None		Semester

## Module Aims, Learning Outcomes and Indicative Contents

### أهداف المادة الدراسية ونتائج التعلم والمحتويات الإرشادية

<b>Module Aims</b> أهداف المادة الدراسية	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the scope of medical and health geography and how the discipline relates to the fields of medicine, public health, and environmental health;</li> <li>2. Implement a variety of common statistical and computational methods used to understand the geography of health; and</li> <li>3. Produce high quality, professional maps that communicate a variety of health and medical topics.</li> </ol>
<b>Module Learning Outcomes</b> مخرجات التعلم للمادة الدراسية	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collect and organise spatial data on disease and its ecological determinants (e.g. climate, land-use and poverty) using appropriate tools, including Global Positioning Systems, Geographic Information Systems platforms (qGIS) and R statistical software;</li> <li>2. Apply basic statistical techniques to analyse the spatial patterns of infection and disease;</li> <li>3. Appreciate the relative merits of alternative spatial statistical approaches for exploring and predicting spatial distributions of infection and disease;</li> <li>4. Demonstrate an understanding of how the output of these analyses can be integrated into a rational disease control programme;</li> <li>5. Critically read and assess relevant literature.</li> </ol>
<b>Indicative Contents</b> المحتويات الإرشادية	<p><b><u>The module is expected to cover the following topics:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection and organisation of spatial data using Global Positioning Systems, Geographic Information Systems, and Remote Sensing; (10 hrs)</li> <li>• Exploring spatial patterns of infection and disease, using a range of spatial analytical methods; (10 hrs)</li> <li>• Spatial prediction of infection and disease, using alternative statistical modeling approaches; (10 hrs)</li> <li>• Critical review of spatial epidemiological literature; (10 hrs)</li> <li>• Integration of spatial data collection and analysis into a rational disease control programs (10 hrs).</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact time (including through remote platforms):-</b></p> <p>This time includes activities that take place in face-to-face contexts such as lectures, seminars, demonstrations, tutorials, supervised laboratory workshops, practical classes, project supervision as well as where tutors are available for one-to-one discussions and interaction by email.</p> <p><b>Self-directed learning:-</b></p>

	<p>Involved obtaining information on adding up to at least seven hours where more than half of the person's total motivation is to gain and retain certain fairly clear knowledge and skill, or to produce some other lasting change.</p> <p><b>Review, Reflect, and Revise:-</b></p> <p>During the “Review, Reflect, and Revise” step, students engage in an improvement cycle where they consider how they can improve both the process and product of their learning. They review by looking for opportunities to make improvements, they reflect by thinking carefully about potential changes to be more effective, and they revise by adjusting both their process and product of learning as needed to improve their practices and outcomes.</p>
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<h3 style="text-align: center;">Learning and Teaching Strategies</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">استراتيجيات التعلم والتعليم</h4>	
<b>Strategies</b>	<p>The main strategy that will be adopted in delivering this module will be achieved through encouraging the students to designs several specific engineering projects according to the teaching content and the actual situation of students and the project will run through all aspects of the whole teaching activities, while mastering the basic theory, further improve the engineering practice ability and innovation ability of students.</p>

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Student Workload (SWL)</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">الحمل الدراسي للطالب</h4>			
<b>Structured SWL (h/sem)</b> الحمل الدراسي المنتظم للطالب خلال الفصل	63	<b>Structured SWL (h/w)</b> الحمل الدراسي المنتظم للطالب أسبوعيا	4
<b>Unstructured SWL (h/sem)</b> الحمل الدراسي غير المنتظم للطالب خلال الفصل	62	<b>Unstructured SWL (h/w)</b> الحمل الدراسي غير المنتظم للطالب أسبوعيا	4
<b>Total SWL (h/sem)</b> الحمل الدراسي الكلي للطالب خلال الفصل	125		

Module Evaluation					
تقييم المادة الدراسية					
		Time/Number	Weight (Marks)	Week Due	Relevant Learning Outcome
Formative assessment	Quizzes	2	10% (10)	5, 10	LO #1, 2, 10 and 11
	Assignments	2	10% (10)	2, 12	LO # 3, 4, 6 and 7
	Projects / Lab.	1	10% (10)	Continuous	
	Report	1	10% (10)	13	LO # 5, 8 and 10
Summative assessment	Midterm Exam	3 hr	10% (10)	7	LO # 1-7
	Final Exam	3hr	50% (50)	16	All
<b>Total assessment</b>			<b>100% (100 Marks)</b>		

Delivery Plan (Weekly Syllabus)	
المنهاج الأسبوعي النظري	
	Material Covered
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Map Anatomy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maps' Types</li> <li>- Map Scale's Types</li> <li>- Reference surfaces for mapping</li> <li>- Coordinate systems</li> <li>- Map projections</li> <li>- Coordinate transformations</li> <li>- Map Abstraction</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2 &amp;3</b>	<b>GIS and Spatial Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Models and representations of the real world</li> <li>- Geographic phenomena</li> <li>- Computer representations of geographic information</li> <li>- Hardware and software trends</li> <li>- GIS software</li> <li>- GIS architecture and functionality</li> <li>- Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)</li> <li>- Stages of spatial data handling</li> <li>- Spatial data capture and preparation</li> <li>- Spatial data storage and maintenance</li> <li>- Spatial query and analysis</li> <li>- Spatial data presentation</li> <li>- Database management systems</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Spatial Databases for Public Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why Spatial Data in Public Health?</li> <li>- Why Statistical Methods for Spatial Data?</li> <li>- Components of Spatial Data</li> <li>- An Odyssey into Geodesy,</li> <li>- Sources of Spatial Data</li> </ul>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Data Models for GIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raster Data Models</li> <li>- Vector Data Models</li> </ul>

<b>Week 6 &amp;7</b>	<b>Data entry and preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spatial data input</li> <li>- Data quality</li> <li>- Observational vs. Experimental Data</li> <li>- Risk</li> <li>- Modeling Counts and Rates</li> <li>- Challenges in the Analysis of Observational Data</li> <li>- Data checks and repairs</li> <li>- combining data from multiple sources</li> <li>- interpolating discrete data</li> <li>- interpolating continuous data</li> </ul>
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mid-term Exam</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Visualizing Spatial Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Types of Statistical Maps</li> <li>- Modifiable Areal Unit Problem</li> <li>- Visualization</li> <li>- Additional Types of Maps</li> <li>- Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis</li> </ul>
<b>Week 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Data entry and preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spatial data input</li> <li>- Data quality</li> <li>- Observational vs. Experimental Data</li> <li>- Risk</li> <li>- Modeling Counts and Rates</li> <li>- Challenges in the Analysis of Observational Data</li> <li>- Data checks and repairs</li> <li>- combining data from multiple sources</li> <li>- interpolating discrete data</li> <li>- interpolating continuous data</li> </ul>
<b>Week 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Analyzing Public Health Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classification of analytical GIS capabilities</li> <li>- Retrieval, classification and measurement</li> <li>- Measurement</li> <li>- Spatial selection queries</li> <li>- Classification</li> <li>- Overlay functions</li> <li>- Vector overlay operators</li> <li>- Raster overlay operators</li> <li>- Overlays using a decision table</li> <li>- Neighborhood functions</li> </ul>
<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Mathematical modeling</b> <b>Diseases Diffusion</b>
<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Course Review</b>

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Delivery Plan (Weekly Lab. Syllabus)</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">المنهاج الأسبوعي للمختبر</p>	
	<b>Material Covered</b>
<b>Week 1-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GIS TOOL in MATLAB</li> </ul>

<b>Week 3-4</b>	- GIS TOOL in MATLAB
<b>Week 5-6</b>	- Map Projection with Matlab
<b>Week 7-8</b>	- Health Data Implementation on Map with Matlab
<b>Week 9-10</b>	- Introduction to ARCMAP Software
<b>Week 11-12</b>	- Analysis and Management of ARCMAP tools
<b>Week 13-14</b>	- Implementation of ARC Map tools with different Map's types and layers
<b>Week 15</b>	- Implementation of ARC Map tools with different Map's types and layers

<b>Learning and Teaching Resources</b>		
مصادر التعلم والتدریس		
	<b>Text</b>	<b>Available in the Library?</b>
<b>Required Texts</b>	RINT ITEM Pfeiffer, DU, Robinson, TP, Stevenson, M, et al. Spatial analysis in epidemiology. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2008. This text book forms an excellent introduction and reference throughout the course	No
<b>Recommended Texts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applied Spatial Statistics for Public Health Data by LANCE A. WALLER and CAROL A. GOTWAY, 2004.</li> <li>- GIS and Public Health, by Ellen K. Cromley and Sara L. McLafferty, Second Edition, 2011</li> <li>- Geographic Information Systems, V. 1.0</li> </ul>	No
<b>Websites</b>		

<b>Grading Scheme</b>				
مخطط الدرجات				
<b>Group</b>	<b>Grade</b>	التقدير	<b>Marks (%)</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Success Group (50 - 100)</b>	<b>A - Excellent</b>	امتياز	90 - 100	Outstanding Performance
	<b>B - Very Good</b>	جيد جدا	80 - 89	Above average with some errors
	<b>C - Good</b>	جيد	70 - 79	Sound work with notable errors
	<b>D - Satisfactory</b>	متوسط	60 - 69	Fair but with major shortcomings
	<b>E - Sufficient</b>	مقبول	50 - 59	Work meets minimum criteria
<b>Fail Group (0 - 49)</b>	<b>FX - Fail</b>	راسب (قيد المعالجة)	(45-49)	More work required but credit awarded
	<b>F - Fail</b>	راسب	(0-44)	Considerable amount of work required

**Note:** Marks Decimal places above or below 0.5 will be rounded to the higher or lower full mark (for example a mark of 54.5 will be rounded to 55, whereas a mark of 54.4 will be rounded to 54. The University has a policy NOT to condone "near-pass fails" so the only adjustment to marks awarded by the original marker(s) will be the automatic rounding outlined above.

