

B. Sc. (Information Technology)		Semester – VI	
Course Name: Principles of Geographic Information Systems		Course Code: USIT604 (Elective I)	
Periods per week (1 Period is 50 minutes)		5	
Credits		2	
		Hours	Marks
Evaluation System	Theory Examination	2½	75
	Internal	--	25

Unit	Details	Lectures
I	A Gentle Introduction to GIS The nature of GIS: Some fundamental observations, Defining GIS, GISystems, GIScience and GIApplications, Spatial data and Geoinformation. The real world and representations of it: Models and modelling, Maps, Databases, Spatial databases and spatial analysis Geographic Information and Spatial Database Models and Representations of the real world Geographic Phenomena: Defining geographic phenomena, types of geographic phenomena, Geographic fields, Geographic objects, Boundaries Computer Representations of Geographic Information: Regular tessellations, irregular tessellations, Vector representations, Topology and Spatial relationships, Scale and Resolution, Representation of Geographic fields, Representation of Geographic objects Organizing and Managing Spatial Data The Temporal Dimension	12
II	Data Management and Processing Systems Hardware and Software Trends Geographic Information Systems: GIS Software, GIS Architecture and functionality, Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) Stages of Spatial Data handling: Spatial data handling and preparation, Spatial Data Storage and maintenance, Spatial Query and Analysis, Spatial Data Presentation. Database management Systems: Reasons for using a DBMS, Alternatives for data management, The relational data model, Querying the relational database. GIS and Spatial Databases: Linking GIS and DBMS, Spatial database functionality.	12
III	Spatial Referencing and Positioning Spatial Referencing: Reference surfaces for mapping, Coordinate Systems, Map Projections, Coordinate Transformations	12

	Satellite-based Positioning: Absolute positioning, Errors in absolute positioning, Relative positioning, Network positioning, code versus phase measurements, Positioning technology Data Entry and Preparation Spatial Data Input: Direct spatial data capture, Indirect spatial data capture, Obtaining spatial data elsewhere Data Quality: Accuracy and Positioning, Positional accuracy, Attribute accuracy, temporal accuracy, Lineage, Completeness, Logical consistency Data Preparation: Data checks and repairs, Combining data from multiple sources Point Data Transformation: Interpolating discrete data, Interpolating continuous data	
IV	Spatial Data Analysis Classification of analytical GIS Capabilities Retrieval, classification and measurement: Measurement, Spatial selection queries, Classification Overlay functions: Vector overlay operators, Raster overlay operators Neighbourhood functions: Proximity computations, Computation of diffusion, Flow computation, Raster based surface analysis Analysis: Network analysis, interpolation, terrain modeling GIS and Application models: GPS, Open GIS Standards, GIS Applications and Advances Error Propagation in spatial data processing: How Errors propagate, Quantifying error propagation	12
V	Data Visualization GIS and Maps, The Visualization Process Visualization Strategies: Present or explore? The cartographic toolbox: What kind of data do I have? How can I map my data? How to map? How to map qualitative data, How to map quantitative data, How to map the terrain elevation, How to map time series Map Cosmetics, Map Dissemination	12

Books and References:					
Sr. No.	Title	Author/s	Publisher	Edition	Year
1.	Principles of Geographic Information Systems- An Introductory Text Book	Editors: Otto Huisman and Rolf A.	The International Institute of Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation	Fourth	2009

2.	Principles of Geographic Information Systems	P.A Burrough and R.A.McDonnell	Oxford University Press	Third	1999
3.	Fundamentals of Spatial Information Systems,	R.Laurini and D. Thompson,	Academic Press		1994
4.	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems	Michael N.Demers	Wiley Publications	Fourth	2009
5.	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	Chang Kang-tsung (Karl),	McGrawHill	Any above 3 rd Edition	2013 7 th Edition
6.	GIS Fundamentals: A First Text on Geographic Information Systems	Paul Bolsatd	XanEdu Publishing Inc	5 th Edition	