

Spatial Analysis Lab (GIS)

Frequently Asked Questions

You must be a registered Geography Student to have access to the Spatial Analysis Laboratory. If you are not a Geography student, but are interested in Geographical Information Systems, or Remote Sensing, please contact a member of the Geography department for further information on specific classes.

For general information on getting started with GIS, contact Richard Hinton, SAL Manager.

Location: Old Main, Room 230. (202) 994-5118

Q. What are the hours for the *Spatial Analysis Lab*?

A. The *Spatial Analysis Lab* opens at 9:00am Monday through Friday. Closing times vary, depending on class schedules. Please consult the Lab schedule on the department homepage for the full calendar.

If you arrive at the department before 9:00am and wish to use the lab, any member of staff will be happy to open the lab for you.

Q. Will there be someone to assist me with my Geography lab work?

A. The SAL manager, Richard Hinton (Office 230 – directly opposite the main lab door) is available to assist you with your coursework. His typical office hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday. If you have a tight schedule, and a specific problem, it is a good idea to email him first so that you can guarantee that he is there to help you.

Q. Who has access to the *Spatial Analysis Lab*?

A. After joining a lab based class, a lab account will be automatically created for you. You will be required to change the password at first login (Specific instructions will be provided by your instructor). You are free to use the lab for your *GEOGRAPHY* class work. During busy times (i.e. end of semester), students not using the lab for GIS/Remote Sensing projects will be asked to make way for students who need to use GIS/Remote Sensing specific software. This is a spatial analysis lab and these courses take precedence. The lab is *NOT* open to *NON-GEOGRAPHY* students, *DO NOT* circulate your password to outside students.

Q. Do I have personal file-storage space in the lab?

A. Geography coursework is saved on the networked drive (G:\Share) in specific class folders. Each registered student will be assigned a personally named folder, within their class folder, on (G:\Share)

DO NOT SAVE course work on the Desktop of the Lab PC's, or, on the open G: Drive. These folders WILL BE DELETED.

Q. Is there a charge for Printing?

A. THIS DEPENDS. Students who have paid a lab fee may use the printer. The printer may be used for printing lab assignments and final papers. The printer is NOT for printing readings, lab instructions, OR PowerPoint Slides. Printing fee for all other students will be **9¢** (b/w), and **85¢** (color) per copy.

Please remember to **LOG OFF** the computer when you are finished.