Master in Life Sciences

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Module Title	GIS and the Management of Spatial Data
Module Code	MCLs195
Module	AF-53
ECTS Credits	5
Workload	150 h: Lectures 45 h; Exercises 55 h; Self-study 50 h
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Lecturers	 Alexandra Erbach (QGIS) Hannes Horneber (QGIS) Mark Günter (ArcGIS Pro + ArcGIS Online for Organizations)
Entry Requirements	 Install ArcGIS Pro on your laptop (Windows users) Ensure access to ArcGIS Pro on Citrix (virtual desktop) Install QGIS Long-Term Release (LTR) on your laptop Install the QField App on your mobile or tablet
Learning Outcomes and Competencies	 After completing the module, students will be able to: understand how Geographical Information Systems (GIS) can make a significant contribution to challenging projects in a spatial context; organise and name spatial data in a meaningful way; feel comfortable working with ArcGIS Pro and QGIS as powerful GIS tools; understand the significance of spatial reference; apply GDB domains to features classes; edit/digitise spatial data; perform vector and raster analyses; understand the Model Builder to facilitate GIS workflows; configure web and smartphone apps for the capturing of spatial data in field work (ArcGIS Mobile / QField); present project results in meaningful maps.
Module Content	 Introduction to GIS Geodata organization Introduction to ArcGIS Pro Mapping and Editing in ArcGIS Pro Geodatabase and Spatial Reference in ArcGIS Pro Vector Analysis and Model Builder in ArcGIS Pro Working with Rasters in ArcGIS Pro GPS and Mobile GIS (ArcGIS Pro and ArcGIS for Organisations) Introduction to QGIS

	Creating Maps with QGIS
	Vector Analysis and Graphical Modeler in QGIS
	Working with Rasters in QGIS
	Editing features and Digitising in QGIS
	QField for Outdoor GIS projects
Teaching and	Lectures, guided exercises, attestation exercises, self-studies, individual project
Learning Methods	work
Assessment of	All but one of the attestation exercises in each of the ArcGIS Pro and QGIS blocks
Learning Outcomes	need to be completed and passed to qualify for the final projects.
	Mobile GIS Project: 50% of final grade
	QGIS Project: 50% of final grade
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	Fox, L., 2015, Essential earth imaging for GIS.
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	Cutts, A. 2019, QGIS Quick Start Guide: A Beginner's Guide to Getting Started with QGIS 3.4
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Language	English
Comments	Some sequences, such as most of the attestation exercises and final projects, are compulsory for students. For more information on compulsory sequences, please refer to the detailed schedule of the module, which will be uploaded on Moodle before the start of the module.
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