GEOG 3255: Introduction to Remote Sensing

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: 0
   Lab Hours/Week: 0
   OJT Hours/Week: *
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None
   Analysis of a special class of pictures that provide an overhead perspective. These images have unique properties that provide a distinct advantage to assessing spatial changes and patterns of change on the Earth’s surface. Students develop an understanding and the skills necessary for interpreting air photos, satellite, and remotely sensed images. Prerequisite: GEOG 3231 or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/25/2014 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS
   1. Introduction and history of remote sensing.
   2. The electromagnetic spectrum and camera basics.
   4. Image Interpretation and Earth Observation Satellites.
   5. Radar, Thermal, and Lidar.
   6. Image pre-processing and Image Classification.
   8. Hybrid Classification & Bayesian Classification.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
   1. Know how the electromagnetic spectrum functions in remote sensing processes.
   2. Know how remote sensing data is acquired.
   3. Learn the different types of digital imagery.
   4. Know the different satellite platforms that acquire remotely sensed data.
   5. Know how to conduct both Supervised and Unsupervised classification.
   6. Know how to apply hybrid classification methods.
   7. Understand basic photogrammetry.
   8. Know how to validate remote sensing analysis with fieldwork.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted