Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Spatial Analysis II (C003791)

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (semester 1) Dutch seminar: coached exercises 35.0 h
lecture 40.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
Witlox, Frank WE12 lecturer-in-charge
Van Acker, Veronique WE12 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019 credits offering
Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geomatics (main subject Geography) 6 A
Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geomatics (main subject Surveying) 6 A
Joint Section Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geomatics 6 A
Linking Course Master of Science in Geography 6 A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Geography 6 A

Dutch

Spatial analysis, research methods and techniques, mathematical geography

The objective of the course is to bring a thorough insight in a large amount of the different research methods and techniques that can be applied to conduct spatial analysis. Additionally, the student is taught how to use a software package to analyze data, to interpret the associated output correctly and report justified conclusions in a clear and exact manner.

This course builds on "Spatial Analysis I" (in the Second Year Bachelor of Geography and Geomatics). A first part of the course "Spatial Analysis II" focuses on the assumptions of a linear regression analysis, and which research methods and techniques can be applied if these assumptions are not fulfilled. A second part of the course "Spatial Analysis II" focuses on discrete choice models.

Part 1: what to do if assumptions of a linear regression analysis are not fulfilled?
- Recapitulation of several basic concepts
- Factor- and cluster analysis
- Path analysis and SEM
- Spatial and temporal regression
- Logistic regression

Part 2: discrete choice models
- Choice- and preference data; revealed vs stated preference
- Discrete choice models (binary logit, multinomial logit, ordered logit, nested logit, probit)
- Conjoint measurements (decompositional multi-attribute preference models)

Initial competences

(Approved)
Final competences of the courses Wiskunde I and Wiskunde II from Ba1 and Spatial Analysis I from Ba2.

Final competences

1. Judge if an existing spatial research method or technique has been applied in a correct manner (reliability and validity).
2. Plan a simple research design. Choose and implement the appropriate methods and techniques to solve a problem.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Teaching methods

Lecture, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

Theoretical exposé based on the principle of Flipped Classroom and in which the dialogue with the student is stimulated (use of examples, tables, diagrams) completed with practical exercises. Different types of spatial datasets (partly obtained through the internet) are used to illustrate a method and technique.

Learning materials and price

Syllabus (reader + extracts of journal papers)
Cost: 13 EUR

References


Course content-related study coaching

Students can appeal to the assistance and guidance of a member of the assistant academic staff (AAP).

Evaluation methods

dead-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible
Extra information on the examination methods

Oral examination with written preparation. Details are not that important, overall insight prevails. Students must participate at all parts of the examination in order to pass this course (exercises and oral examination). If no exercises are submitted, then the student is not allowed to participate at the oral examination. When you do not participate in the evaluation of one or more components (exercises, theory parts) or you receive a score of less than 10/20 for one of these parts (exercises, theory parts of both lecturers), then you cannot earn a credit for the course. If somehow the final calculated score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, but with a fail on one or more of the components, then the final grade will be brought back to a fail for the course. The usual standards when rounding are applied (between 0 and 0.499 to 0 and between 0.5 and 0.999 to 1)

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic (75%) and non-periodic (25%)