



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 ~~Nuala Cowan~~, SAL Manager.

Location: ~~Suite 512, Alcove S2~~, (202) 994-5118

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

A. The *Spatial Analysis Lab* opens at 9am Monday through Friday. Closing times vary, depending on class schedules. Please consult the Lab schedule on the department homepage for closing times. We offer one late closing a week. This semester, we offer late closing on ~~Tuesdays~~. If there are changes to this schedule, an alert will be posted on the department homepage. If you arrive at the department a little before 9am and wish to use the lab, any member of staff will be happy to open the lab for you. We do not currently offer weekend hours, we hope to remedy this in the near future. Any changes to the schedule that reflect weekend opening will be posted to the department homepage

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

A. There ~~will be a Graduate TA on duty in the alcove just outside the lab, or in the GTA Office 512G~~. GTA hours vary slightly from those of the SAL, so please consult the timetable at the front desk (or online). If there is no TA on duty, please see SAL manager, ~~Nuala~~, at ~~alcove S2~~.

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

A. After completing the SAL account form, you will receive the password and be 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, so *DO NOT* circulate this password to outside students.

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

A. The networked drive (Z:) is available to store student files. Each student should create a personally named folder, within their class folder, on (Z:), in which to save their work. **DO NOT SAVE course work on the Desktop of the Lab PC's, or, on the open Z: Drive. These folders WILL BE DELETED** regularly.

IMPORTANT: Class folders will be deleted at the end of the semester, so please remove to disc, any coursework or project files that you wish to preserve.

Q. ~~Is there a charge for Printing?~~

A. ~~YES~~. Student's who have paid a lab fee are exempt from printing charges, for their first 100 pages. Printing fee for all other students will be ~~5¢~~ (b/w), and ~~10¢~~ (color) per copy. ~~Printers are located at the TA alcove in the main reception area. All money must be paid to TA on duty, records will be kept & monthly accounts can be arranged.~~

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