

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 9:30am Monday through Friday. Closing times vary, depending on class schedules. There is limited late night and weekend access, Please consult the Lab schedule on the department homepage for the full calendar. <http://www.gwu.edu/~geog/calender.htm>
If you arrive at the department before 9:30am 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, Nuala (Office 230 – directly opposite the main lab door) is available to assist you with your coursework. Her office hours are 10:00am-6:00pm Monday through Thursday.

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

A. After joining a lab based class, 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 registered student will be assigned 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. *THIS DEPENDS*. Students who have paid a lab fee may use the printer (GEOG104, GEOG105, GEOG106, GEOG107, GEOG196, and GEOG221). The printer may be used for printing lab assignments and final papers. The printer is NOT for printing readings OR PowerPoint Slides. Printing fee for all other students will be 5¢ (b/w), and 10¢ (color) per copy. All money must be paid to Nuala or Jeremy.

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