

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Introduction to Geospatial Big Data - 40710*

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*HU Credits:* 3

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* geography

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

The course introduces Geo-Spatial Big Data problem characteristics, and the common methods for analysis and presentation of big data.

The course is planned for 3rd year undergrads, and Masters students.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify big data problem when they encounter one.
2. Understand the concept of big data analysis, including its statistical characteristics.
3. Communicate big data research professionally, including technical and academic terminology.
4. Assess the analysis limitations of big data sources, based on the data-set nature.
5. Read and write big data from/to files.
6. Run various operators and filters on big data-sets for acquiring focused sub-sets.
7. Visualize big data: plot and produce publication quality graphics for presentation.
8. Process raw data, implement the above skills, and conclude.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Orientation:

- Defining big data
- Famous big data problems and opportunities
- The computational costs of big data analysis
- Theoretical limitation and constraints when dealing with big data

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*Technical:*

- *Parallel Computing & big data system architecture (Spark, Hadoop etc.)*
- *I/O from files: general & geo-spatial formats*
- *Parsing geospatial data from data-sets*
- *Operators & filters*

*Visualization:*

- *Info-graphic basics for big data*
- *Producing condensed 2D and 3D plots*
- *Mapping and geospatial presentation*
- *Animations*

*Processing:*

- *Planning analysis framework*
- *Project assignment: precessing existing data-set and presenting results & conclusions.*

*Required Reading:*

*TBD*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*TBD*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*

*Presentation 0 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 30 %*

*Assignments 70 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*