

GEOMATICS ENGINEERING

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

The program of study leading to the Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering (B.S.G.E.) deals with designing solutions to measure, map, model, analyze and graphically display the real world. Graduates will explore cutting edge technology in image processing, digital photogrammetry, remote sensing, satellite-based global positioning, geographic information systems, laser scanning and digital mapping.

The B.S.G.E. program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

Students complete coursework in basic science and mathematics, engineering sciences and the main disciplines in geomatics engineering. Because of the major impact geomatics engineers have on society, the curriculum also requires students to complete the [Intellectual Foundations Program](#). This area of study also offers a minor in Geomatics Engineering and a certificate in Surveying and Mapping.

Geomatics Engineering Educational Objectives

Program Educational Objectives are broad statements that describe the expected accomplishments and professional status of Geomatics Engineering graduates a few years beyond the baccalaureate degree.

The Geomatics Engineering Program at Florida Atlantic University is dedicated to graduating geomatics engineers who, within a few years after graduation will:

- A. **Practice geomatics engineering** within the general areas of boundary and land surveying, geographic information systems (GIS), photogrammetry, remote sensing, mapping, geodesy, and global navigation satellite systems in the organizations that employ them;
- B. **Advance their knowledge of geomatics engineering**, both formally and informally, by engaging in lifelong learning experiences, including attainment of professional licensure and/or graduate studies.
- C. **Serve as effective professionals**, based on strong interpersonal and teamwork skills, an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility, and a willingness to take the initiative and seek progressive responsibilities.
- D. **Participate as leaders** in activities that support service to, and/or economic development of, the community, the region, the state and the nation.

Geomatics Engineering Student Outcomes

The educational objectives of the Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering program are achieved by ensuring that graduates have the following characteristics or student outcomes:

1. An ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics;
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specific needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors;
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences;
4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts;
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives;
6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions;
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

[Link to Geomatics Engineering Minor](#)

[Link to Surveying and Mapping Certificate](#)

[Link to Combined Programs](#)

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOMATICS ENGINEERING (B.S.G.E.)

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

Admission Requirements

All students must meet the minimum admission requirements of the University. Please refer to the [Admissions section](#) of this catalog.

All students must meet the preprofessional requirements listed [above](#) in order to be accepted into the Geomatics Engineering program.

Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transition Guides](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering degree will be awarded to students who:

1. Meet all general degree requirements of the University;
2. Complete the curriculum for the B.S.G.E. in Geomatics Engineering degree (see below);
3. Take the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Fundamentals of Surveying Examination (the first of two exams necessary for the professional surveyors and mappers license). Contact Geomatics Engineering for details.

Curriculum

The Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering degree requires 120 credits. For credit toward the degree, a grade of "C" or better must be received in each course listed, except for humanities and social science courses not applied toward Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule) writing requirements. In addition, all prerequisites for each mathematics, science or engineering course must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before enrollment is permitted. The degree components are listed below.

Intellectual Foundations Program - 39 credits

Foundations of Written Communication Courses - 6 credits

College Writing 1 (1), (2)	ENC 1101	3
College Writing 2 (1), (2)	ENC 1102	3

Foundations of Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning Courses - 6 credits

Calculus with Analytic Geometry 1 (1), (4)	MAC 2311	4
Introductory Statistics	STA 2023	3

Foundations of Science and the Natural World Courses - 6 credits

General Physics for Engineers 1 (1), (8)	PHY 2048 and	3
General Physics 1 Lab	PHY 2048L	1

Students must take one additional course from the list below:

General Chemistry 1	CHM 2045 and	3
General Chemistry 1 Lab	CHM 2045L	1
Physical Geology/Evolution of the Earth	GLY 2010C	4

Foundations of Society and Human Behavior Courses - 6 credits (1), (3)

Foundations of Global Citizenship Courses - 6 credits (1), (3)

Foundations of Humanities Courses - 6 credits (1), (3)

Total		39
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Additional Basic Mathematics and Sciences Electives - 15 credits

Introduction to Calculus with Applications	MAC 2210 or	4
Calculus with Analytic Geometry 2	MAC 2312	4
Or any mathematics course for which one of the math courses is a direct prerequisite		
Introduction to Physical Geography	GEO 2200C	3
Select 8 credits from the Foundations of Science and the Natural World Group A or B not already taken for credit		8

Business Electives - 3 credits (select one course)

Principles of Accounting 1	ACG 2021	3
Entrepreneurship	ENT 4024	3
Entrepreneurial Assistance Project	ENT 4934	3
Introduction to Business	GEB 2011	3
Information Systems Fundamentals	ISM 2000	3
Introduction to Management and Organizational Behavior	MAN 3025	3
Principles of Real Estate	REE 3043	3

Engineering Fundamentals - 15 credits

Fundamentals of Engineering	EGN 1002	3
Introduction to Mapping and GIS (5)	GIS 3015C or	3
GIS for Civil Engineering Applications	CGN 4321	3
Geomatics	SUR 3103 and	2
Geomatics Lab	SUR 3103L	1

Engineering Graphics Elective

Computer-Aided Design	CGN 2327 or	3
Engineering Graphics	EGN 1111C	3

Computer Programming Elective

Programming 1	COP 2220 or	3
Computer Applications in Engineering 1	EGN 2213 or	3
C for Engineers	EEL 2161	3

Construction Engineering Core - 6 credits

Engineering and Construction Surveying	SUR 3205	2
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Engineering and Construction Surveying Lab	SUR 3205L	1
RI: Construction Project Management	CCE 4031 or	3
Civil Engineering Project Management	CCE 5036	3
Introduction to Transportation Engineering (5)	TTE 3004C	3

Surveying Engineering Core - 12 credits

Automated Surveying and Mapping	SUR 3141 and	2
Automated Surveying and Mapping Lab	SUR 3141L	1
Measurement Theory and Data Analysis	SUR 3520	3
Cadastral Principles and Legal Aspects	SUR 4403	3
Geodesy and Geodetic Positioning	SUR 4530 and	2
Geodesy and Geodetic Positioning Lab	SUR 4530L	1

Reality Capture Core - 6 credits

Select any combination to total 6 credits.

Introduction to Laser Mapping Technology	CCE 4514C or	3
Terrestrial Laser Scanning	CEG 6304C	3
Digital Photogrammetry Principles and Applications	SUR 4331C or	3
Digital Photogrammetry and Image Interpretation	SUR 6335C	3
Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing and Applications	SUR 4384 or	3
Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing	SUR 6387C	3

Capstone Design - 6 credits

Subdivision Design	SUR 4463 and	2
Land Subdivision and Platting Lab	SUR 3463L	1
Capstone Elective - Select one		
RI: Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering Design 1	CGN 4803C or	3
RI: Engineering Technology Capstone	ETG 4951	3

Technical Electives - Select 18 credits from the list

Any approved College of Engineering and Computer Science course 3000-level and above

Remote Sensing of the Environment (5) (6)	GIS 4035C	3
Principles of Geographic Information Systems (5) (6)	GIS 4043C	3
Digital Image Analysis (5) (6)	GIS 4037C	3
Engineering Professional Internship	EGN 3971	0-4
Directed Independent Research in Engineering and Computer Science (7)	EGN 4911	0-3
Directed Independent Research in Engineering and Computer Science	EGN 4915	1-3
New Venture Launch	ENT 4015	3
Advanced Business Planning	ENT 4114	3
Entrepreneurship Internship	ENT 4940	1-4
Environmental Issues in Atmospheric and Earth Science	ESC 3704	3
Principles of Financial Management	FIN 3403	3
Sea-Level Rise: Impacts and Responses	GEO 3342	3
Quantitative Methods	GEO 4022	3
Spatial Data Analysis	GEO 4167C	3
Water Resources	GEO 4280C	3
Biogeography	GEO 4300	3
Urban Geography	GEO 4602	3
Transportation and Spatial Organization	GEO 4760	3
Introduction to Mapping and GIS	GIS 3015C	3
Digital Image Analysis (5)	GIS 4037C	3
Applications of GIS (5)	GIS 4048C	3
Programming in GIS (5)	GIS 4102C	3
Geovisualization and GIS (5)	GIS 4138C	3
Coastal and Marine Science	GLY 3730	3
Field Methods	GLY 4750C	3
Hydrogeology	GLY 4822	3
Engineering Geology	GLY 4830	3
Introduction to Hydrogeology Modeling and Aquifer Test (5)	GLY 4832C	3
Professional Internship	IDS 3949	0-4
Leadership, Supervisory Skills and Team Development	MAN 4046	3
Marketing Management	MAR 3023	3
Planning Methods	URP 4011	3
City Structure and Change	URP 4055	3

Planning Implementation Strategies	URP 4120	3
Introduction to Visual Planning Technology	URP 4254	3
Plan Making and Design	URP 4343	3
Sustainable Cities	URP 4403	3
Environmental Planning Methods	URP 4420	3
Urban Development Planning Methods	URP 4546	3
Capital Facilities Planning	URP 4730	3
Site Planning	URP 4870	3

Notes:

1. Contributes to University Core Curriculum requirements.
2. Contributes to Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule) writing requirement.
3. Intellectual Foundations Program courses, totaling 6 credits, must be selected to satisfy Writing Across Curriculum (Gordon Rule) writing requirements.
4. Contributes to Gordon Rule mathematics requirement.
5. Includes a 1-credit laboratory.
6. Students pursuing the [GIS certificate](#) should consider taking these courses.
7. Grading: S/U.
8. PHY 2048, General Physics 1 (4 credits) is an acceptable substitute, but only 3 credits will apply toward the degree.

Sample Four-Year Program of Study

For the sample four-year program of study for the Bachelor of Science in Geomatics Engineering, refer to the [Curriculum Sheets and Flight Plans](#) by major.

Minors and Certificate Programs Appropriate for Geomatics Engineering

Various departments offer minors and certificate programs that augment a student's geomatics engineering education. Students are encouraged to pursue a minor or certificate, such as:

Computer Science Minor (Department Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)

Entrepreneurial Management Minor (College of Business)

Surveying and Mapping Certificate Program, highly recommended (Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering)

Geographic Information Systems Certificate Program, highly recommended (Department of Geosciences)

Obtaining a minor or certificate will require completing credits beyond the 120 required for the B.S.G.E. in Geomatics Engineering. Contact the department offering the minor or certificate for more details.

Internships

Students are strongly encouraged to gain practical experience through participation in internship opportunities. However, internships may only substitute for one technical elective with prior approval from the department chair and only if taken for a grade.