

FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR GEOSPATIAL APPLICATIONS UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

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Students receiving the certificate will be able to design and develop FOSS4G exclusive or hybrid (using FOSS4G and proprietary software) geospatial information infrastructures and applications capable of better addressing specific socioeconomic, technological, institutional, and financial contexts where GISc&T is used to support planning and decision making.

Certificate Objectives

1. Provide students and working geospatial professionals with the knowledge and skills for the effective use and development of FOSS4G solutions in diverse application contexts. This complements and enhances the knowledge and skills they have in the use of geospatial proprietary software solutions.
2. Students will be exposed to several FOSS4G alternatives to address the needs of a geospatial information infrastructure from desktop, database management systems, systems automation/customization, all the way to Web/Cloud-based applications and enterprise level solutions.
3. Students will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively use the most advanced FOSS4G alternatives to develop solutions for each of levels of a geospatial information infrastructure previously mentioned.
4. Students will have the knowledge and hands-on skills that will enable them to design and develop hybrid geospatial information infrastructures that make use of proprietary software and FOSS4G incorporating each them in a combination that maximizes efficiency of the end infrastructure.

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program.

Declaring This Certificate

- CU Denver undergraduate students in any discipline or major may be admitted to the program.
- A student may begin the program in any semester or during the summer by making arrangements with the FOSS4G Certificate Advisor. This should be done as soon as you have decided to pursue the certificate, and no later than the semester previous to completion of all the courses required to obtain the certificate.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial Application advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.
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3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B (3.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the program GPA. Courses taken using pass/fail grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. Students must complete all coursework with CU Denver faculty.

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

1. The students will have the option to take other courses above and beyond the core requirements for the certificate.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete the following courses:</i>		12
CVEN 5385	GIS Relational Database Systems	
	Students learn the principles and techniques to design a spatial database and perform multiple analyses and functions in a FOSS4G spatial database management system.	
GEOG 4086	FOSS4G Systems Integration	
	This course functions as the capstone for the certificate. It concentrates on applying all the knowledge and skills previously obtained and adding more in the area of integration of geospatial information infrastructures based on FOSS4G. Students work on integrating systems from desktop to Web/Cloud-based applications.	
GEOG 4091	Open Source Software for Geospatial Applications	
	This course exposes students to the diversity of FOSS4G solutions that exist for each of the elements of geospatial information infrastructure. They acquire the necessary hands-on skills to effectively use one FOSS4G to address the needs of each of the levels of a geospatial information infrastructure.	
GEOG 4092	GIS Programming and Automation	
	Students learn programming principles and techniques to automate processes and customize a geographic information system (GIS), and to integrate and coordinate the functions of diverse geospatial software (e.g. a database management system with a GIS).	

Optional Course

Students can choose to complete the following course that can complement their formation in specific topics. However, this course is not required as part of the certificate program.

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 3763	Biostatistics	

This courses use the open source software R for environmental data analysis including spatial statistics and geostatistics.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/ges/programs/certificates/sustainable-urban-agriculture-certificate/>).