

# GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY, Associate in Science Degree - 4760

*Engineering & Technology Department*

The Geospatial Technology AS program provides students with the foundational knowledge, skills and practical hands-on experience needed to pursue a career in geospatial technology. Geospatial technology is an industry requiring technicians to be skilled in data acquisition, management, interpretation, integration, analysis, representation, and graphical display, all of which are part of the curriculum. In addition, the high-technology nature of geospatial technology demands personnel who are able to work in cross-functional teams in a rapidly evolving employment setting. Students are able to gain “real-world” experience in the internship course. This course allows students the opportunity to face the issues, challenges and projects that are encountered by geospatial technologists on a daily basis. The coursework is aligned with the Geospatial Technology Competency Model (GTCM) developed by the US Department of Labor and the GeoTech Center. The complete program is available through Virtual Learning. Students may take the program at the Harrisburg Campus by taking some courses through Virtual Learning.

## *Career Opportunities*

Graduates of the Geospatial Technology AS program find employment as geographic information technicians, analysts, specialists, or other disciplines related to the acquisition, use and processing of geographic and time-based data. Although this degree can lead directly to employment, there are transfer opportunities available for students seeking to pursue their studies at the baccalaureate level. Graduates may pursue a bachelor’s degree in Technical Management through HACC’s articulation agreement with Bloomsburg University.

## *Competency Profile*

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Apply Geographic Information System (GIS) and remote sensing theory, data acquisition, data processing, and applications
- Use GIS software packages and geospatial data processing tools
- Perform engineering, geological, and environmental applications of geospatial technologies
- Develop analytical skills, including inductive and deductive reasoning
- Communicate effectively in a geospatial environment
- Use those strengthened written and oral communication skills and interpersonal characteristics for effective business opportunities and personal growth
- Apply fundamental concepts of business applications and decision-making related to geospatial technology
- Provide the student with a general educational background to facilitate analysis and interpretation of technical information
- Enter the geospatial technology field prepared to face the issues, challenges, and projects commonly encountered within the industry

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 60)**

<b>General Education</b>		<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>Other Required Courses</b>	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	GIS 141 Introduction to Geospatial Technology	3	CIS 140 Intermediate Database Management	3
ENGL 104 Technical Writing	3	GIS 165 Geospatial Programming	3	Open Electives	9
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	GIS 204 Cartographic Design	3		12
Humanities & Arts Elective	3	GIS 205 Data Acquisition & Remote Sensing	4		
Mathematics Elective - MATH 103	3	GIS 275 Advanced Geographic Info Systems	4		
Mathematics or Science Elective - MATH 202	4	GIS 291 Internship in Geospatial Technology	3		
Science with a Laboratory Elective - GEOL 201	4		20		
Social & Behavioral Science Elective - GEOG 230	3				
First-Year Seminar Elective - GIS 201	1				
Wellness	1				
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**RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS**

Part time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

<b>Fall Semester I</b>		<b>Spring Semester I</b>		<b>Fall Semester II</b>		<b>Spring Semester II</b>	
ENGL 101	3	CIS 140	3	GEOG 230	3	GEOL 201	4
GIS 141	3	COMM 101	3	GIS 165	3	GIS 275	4
GIS 201	1	ENGL 104	3	GIS 204	3	GIS 291	3
Humanities/Arts Elective	3	GIS 205	4	Open Elective	3	Open Elective	3
MATH 103	3	MATH 202	4	Wellness	1		
Open Elective	3						