GEOG 591 Urban GIS Instructor: DelVecchia Email: <u>liangj@email.unc.edu</u> Time: TR 11:00-12:15

Location: CH 322

Prerequisite: GEO370, or similar course, or experiences with GIS software. Students will use ArcGIS 10.x to finish most labs.

Course Descriptions:

GEOG591 is an *intermediate GIS course*. Assume students already have 1+ year experiences with GIS applications, such as ArcGIS, Grass (open source), or other GIS software.

This course introduces <u>the theories and applications</u> of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and teaches hands-on skills using GIS technology, with emphasis on problems in urban/economic geography. Major topics will cover topological data structure, data collection, spatial analysis, and various urban GIS applications. Another important goal of the course is to <u>expose students to various approaches of integrating spatial</u> <u>models with GIS</u>.

Major urban/economic theories/models covered in this course include: Urban mapping, rank mobility index, urban expansion, population density, central place theory, markov chains, gravity model, etc.

GIS concepts/skills covered in this course: spatial data queries, mapping, geo-referencing, buffering, relational database operations, spatial statistical tools, geo-coding, address matching, network analysis, etc.

