

## NR 285 – Independent Study for Advanced GIS (ESRI Virtual Campus Courses)

The Geospatial Technologies (GsT) minor will offer ESRI Virtual Campus Courses for credit as part of NR 285 Independent Study for Advanced GIS beginning in the spring of 2009. ESRI Virtual Campus courses offer self-paced, online training using interactive exercises, examples, and instructional resources that allow you to learn ArcGIS at your own pace. This ESRI Virtual Campus training is FREE to UVM students. NR 285 can be applied toward Group B elective courses for the GsT minor. Each 15 hours of Virtual Campus course time (for completed courses only) will count as one UVM credit hour; no partial credits will be given. You can register for 1-3 course credits. Any number of Virtual Campus courses can be taken although only a maximum of 3 credits (NR 285) can apply toward the GsT minor. Course prerequisites include NR 143 or GEOG 184. Check out the [list of applicable courses](#) for the minor. A Certificate of Completion "diploma" will be given upon conclusion of each Virtual Campus course and will be used to verify total credit hours applied to NR 285. No credit will be given for "free" online courses.

**Follow these steps to register for a Virtual Campus self study course(s) that you wish to apply to NR 285:**

- 1. Find a course**
  - ▶ [Search for ESRI Virtual Campus courses \(http://campus.esri.com\)](http://campus.esri.com) in the course catalog.
  - ▶ Choose an online course that is on the GsT approved course list.
  - ▶ Click the course titles to read the course descriptions and review the software requirements for each course.
- 2. Request a UVM student access code for each online course**
  - ▶ Contact Ernie Buford (ESRI University Site License Administrator) at [ebuford@uvm.edu](mailto:ebuford@uvm.edu) or Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne at [Jarlath.ONeil-Dunne@uvm.edu](mailto:Jarlath.ONeil-Dunne@uvm.edu) by email.
  - ▶ You will receive your course access code by email.
- 3. Start your course**
  - ▶ Go to the [My Virtual Campus Courses](#) page, and login to your ESRI account. If you don't have one, create a new personal account.
  - ▶ Click the "Start a new course" link.
  - ▶ Type your course access code into the field provided.
  - ▶ Your course will appear in the Courses in Progress list.
  - ▶ Click the title of the course when you are ready to begin.
- 4. NR 285 course credit**
  - ▶ Keep a copy of your Certificate of Completion for each course you wish to apply to NR 285 for your records. The course instructor will monitor your progress online.
  - ▶ Complete all modules by the last day of official classes (that is, prior to final exam and reading days).