Training Course on GIS for Smart Cities and Urban Planning

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this advanced training, participants will be able to:

1. Apply sophisticated spatial analysis techniques for complex urban planning challenges.
2. Seamlessly integrate real-time Internet of Things (IoT) and sensor data into GIS for dynamic urban monitoring.
3. Utilize GIS to create and manage urban digital twins for comprehensive simulation and scenario planning.
4. Leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) algorithms for predictive modeling in urban systems.
5. Design and analyze smart transportation networks using advanced GIS for efficient traffic management and public transit.
6. Apply GIS for climate change adaptation, disaster preparedness, and vulnerability assessments in urban areas.
7. Develop and manage intelligent infrastructure assets using enterprise GIS solutions and BIM integration.
8. Perform multi-criteria suitability analysis for sustainable land use and zoning optimization.
9. Deploy and manage large-scale urban datasets on cloud GIS platforms for collaborative planning.
10. Integrate and analyze diverse socio-economic datasets within GIS to address urban equity and inclusion.
11. Facilitate citizen engagement and co-creation in urban planning through interactive web GIS portals.
12. Optimize energy, water, and waste management systems using GIS and real-time data.
13. Produce compelling 3D urban models, dashboards, and interactive maps for stakeholder communication.

Organizational Benefits

- Streamlining urban planning workflows through advanced automation and data integration.
- Empowering planners and policymakers with robust analytical capabilities for informed strategies.
- Cultivating a workforce proficient in cutting-edge geospatial technologies for smart city development.

- Optimizing infrastructure investments and public service delivery through precise spatial insights.
- Supporting the development of greener, more resilient, and environmentally conscious cities.
- Providing a common geospatial platform for integrated urban governance.
- Improving disaster response and climate change adaptation planning.
- Offering advanced skill development in a rapidly evolving and high-demand field.

Target Audience

1. Urban Planners & Designers
2. Smart City Managers & Coordinators
3. GIS Professionals & Analysts
4. Government & Municipal Officers.
5. Environmental Planners & Scientists.
6. Transportation Engineers & Mobility Planners.
7. Real Estate Developers & Consultants.
8. Researchers & Academics

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Module 1: Advanced GIS Fundamentals for Urban Systems

- Revisiting advanced spatial data models
- Coordinate systems and projections in large-scale urban contexts.
- Geodatabase design and management for complex urban datasets.
- Advanced geoprocessing tools for urban analysis
- **Case Study:** Designing an integrated urban spatial data infrastructure for a metropolitan area.

Module 2: Geospatial Big Data & Cloud GIS in Smart Cities

- Handling and processing petabyte-scale urban data.
- Leveraging cloud GIS platforms (e.g., ArcGIS Online, Google Earth Engine) for urban analytics.
- Distributed processing and spatial data warehousing.
- Real-time data streams and streaming analytics for dynamic urban phenomena.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing real-time traffic flow across a smart city using cloud-based sensor data.

Module 3: AI & Machine Learning for Predictive Urban Analytics

- Introduction to AI/ML algorithms relevant to urban planning
- Geospatial machine learning for urban pattern detection and prediction.
- Deep learning for satellite imagery analysis in urban change detection.
- Predictive modeling for urban growth, land-use change, and demographic shifts.
- **Case Study:** Predicting future urban sprawl and its environmental impact using satellite imagery and ML.

Module 4: Digital Twins and 3D Urban Modeling

- Concepts and architectures of urban digital twins.
- Creating highly detailed 3D city models from LiDAR, drone, and photogrammetry data.
- Integrating BIM (Building Information Modeling) with GIS for urban development.
- Simulating urban scenarios and interventions in a digital twin environment.

- **Case Study:** Developing a digital twin for a new urban district to optimize energy consumption and pedestrian flow.

Module 5: Smart Mobility & Transportation Network Analysis

- Advanced network analysis for multi-modal transportation planning.
- Optimizing public transport routes and schedules using GIS.
- Integrating real-time traffic data, ride-sharing, and autonomous vehicle data.
- Accessibility analysis and travel demand modeling.
- **Case Study:** Designing an optimized public transportation network for a rapidly expanding city to reduce congestion.

Module 6: Urban Infrastructure Management & IoT Integration

- Mapping and managing critical urban infrastructure
- Integrating IoT sensor data for infrastructure monitoring and predictive maintenance.
- Smart grids and intelligent water management systems through GIS.
- Asset management and lifecycle planning with geospatial data.
- **Case Study:** Implementing a GIS-based smart water management system to detect leaks and optimize distribution.

Module 7: Urban Resilience & Climate Change Adaptation

- Vulnerability assessment and risk mapping for natural hazards
- GIS for climate change impact assessment and adaptation strategies.
- Green infrastructure planning for stormwater management and urban cooling.
- Emergency response and disaster management planning using real-time GIS.
- **Case Study:** Mapping flood risk zones and developing evacuation plans for a coastal city facing rising sea levels.

Module 8: Advanced Land Use & Zoning Optimization

- Multi-criteria evaluation for land suitability analysis.
- Developing dynamic zoning regulations and growth management strategies.
- GIS-based impact assessment of land-use changes on environment and services.
- Scenario planning for urban development under different policy frameworks.
- **Case Study:** Optimizing land allocation for mixed-use development to promote walkability and reduce car dependency.

Module 9: Social Equity, Health & Public Safety GIS

- Mapping and analyzing socio-economic disparities and access to services.
- GIS for public health planning and disease surveillance.
- Spatial analysis of crime patterns and resource allocation for public safety.
- Identifying underserved communities and planning equitable urban interventions.
- **Case Study:** Using GIS to identify healthcare access gaps in vulnerable urban neighborhoods.

Module 10: Environmental Quality & Green Spaces Management

- Monitoring urban air and water quality using sensor data and GIS.
- GIS for urban forestry and green space planning and management.
- Analyzing urban heat islands and developing mitigation strategies.
- Biodiversity conservation and ecological network planning in urban areas.

- **Case Study:** Developing an urban green infrastructure plan to combat the urban heat island effect.

Module 11: Participatory GIS & Citizen Engagement

- Designing and implementing web-based GIS portals for public access and feedback.
- Crowdsourcing geographic information for urban planning.
- Visualizing public opinion and engaging citizens in planning processes.
- Tools for collaborative mapping and community co-creation.
- **Case Study:** Launching a public participation GIS platform for residents to contribute to a new park design.

Module 12: GIS for Urban Governance & Policy Making

- Integrating GIS into urban policy cycles and strategic planning.
- Performance monitoring and evaluation of urban projects using GIS dashboards.
- Data governance, privacy, and ethical considerations in smart city GIS.
- Developing KPIs and reporting frameworks for smart city initiatives.
- **Case Study:** Creating a performance dashboard for city officials to monitor smart city initiatives in real-time.

Module 13: Geospatial Data Science & Visualization

- Advanced spatial statistics for in-depth urban data analysis.
- Developing custom scripts and automation workflows for repetitive tasks.
- Interactive web mapping and dashboard creation for dynamic data visualization.
- Story maps and compelling visual narratives for stakeholder communication.
- **Case Study:** Building an interactive web map to visualize urban development progress to the public.

Module 14: Emerging Technologies in Urban GIS

- Blockchain for secure urban data management and transactions.
- Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) for immersive urban planning.
- Digital twins and metaverse applications in future urban design.
- Open geospatial data initiatives and their impact on urban planning.
- **Case Study:** Exploring a proposed urban development in VR to understand its spatial impact before construction.

Module 15: Capstone Project: Smart City Solution Design

- Problem identification and scope definition for a real-world urban challenge.
- Data acquisition, processing, and advanced spatial analysis.
- Development of a GIS-based smart city solution prototype.
- Presentation of findings and recommendations to a simulated city council.
- **Case Study:** Participants work in teams to design a smart waste management system for a district in Nairobi, from data collection to predictive routing.

Training Methodology

- **Instructor-Led Sessions**: Engaging lectures and discussions covering theoretical concepts and best practices.
- **Hands-on Software Training**: Extensive practical exercises using industry-leading GIS software (e.g., ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, Google Earth Engine, Python libraries for geospatial

analysis).
- **Real-World Case Studies**: In-depth analysis of successful smart city and urban planning projects globally, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving.
- **Group Projects & Collaborative Exercises**: Team-based activities to simulate real-world challenges and encourage peer learning.
- **Guest Speakers**: Insights from leading experts and practitioners in smart cities and urban planning.
- **Practical Demonstrations**: Live demonstrations of advanced GIS techniques and tools.
- **Discussion Forums & Q&A**: Opportunities for participants to share experiences, ask questions, and engage with instructors.
- **Capstone Project**: A culminating project where participants apply learned skills to design a comprehensive smart city solution.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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