

Spatial Machine Learning Training Course

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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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

By the end of this **Spatial Machine Learning** training, participants will be able to:

1. Grasp the core concepts of **spatial data science**, **machine learning**, and their synergistic applications in **geospatial analysis**.
2. Acquire skills in **data acquisition**, **cleaning**, and **transformation** of diverse **geospatial datasets** for machine learning readiness.
3. Implement and evaluate **classification** and **regression models** for predicting spatial phenomena, including **land cover mapping** and **environmental forecasting**.
4. Utilize **clustering algorithms** to identify natural groupings and patterns within **geographic information systems (GIS) data**.
5. Develop and validate models for forecasting spatial trends, such as **urban growth prediction** and **disease outbreak mapping**.
6. Apply **machine learning to satellite imagery** and **LiDAR data** for insights in **agriculture**, **forestry**, and **disaster management**.
7. Gain an introductory understanding of **deep learning architectures** and their applications in complex **spatial pattern recognition**.
8. Script and automate **spatial analysis tasks** using **Python** for increased efficiency and scalability.
9. Effectively visualize and communicate the outputs of **spatial machine learning models** through **interactive maps** and **dashboards**.
10. Understand and apply appropriate metrics for **evaluating geospatial model accuracy** and reliability.
11. Recognize and discuss the **ethical considerations** and potential biases in **spatial AI applications**.
12. Explore concepts of **edge computing** and **real-time data processing** for dynamic spatial insights.
13. Develop basic **geospatial applications** integrating **machine learning** for practical problem-solving.

Organizational Benefits

- Improve forecasting for **resource allocation**, **risk assessment**, and **strategic planning** by leveraging spatial insights.

- Streamline workflows in **logistics, urban planning, and environmental management** through automated spatial analysis and **location intelligence**.
- Automate complex **geospatial data processing** tasks, reducing manual effort and operational costs.
- Empower teams with accurate, real-time spatial insights, leading to more informed and proactive choices in dynamic environments.
- Gain an edge by integrating **advanced analytics** into **geospatial strategies**, identifying new opportunities and market trends faster.
- Foster a culture of innovation by equipping staff with cutting-edge **AI and GIS skills**, driving new product and service development.
- Better manage natural resources, infrastructure, and urban development through precise **spatial modeling** and **AI-driven insights**.

Target Audience

- GIS Professionals & Analysts.
- Data Scientists & AI Practitioners.
- Urban Planners & Developers.
- Environmental Scientists & Researchers
- Logistics & Supply Chain Managers.
- Public Health Professionals.
- Academics & Students

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Module 1: Introduction to Spatial Machine Learning & Geospatial Data Fundamentals

- Understanding the convergence of GIS, AI, and Machine Learning.
- Types of spatial data: Vector, Raster, and Spatio-temporal datasets.
- Introduction to key Python libraries for spatial data: GeoPandas, Rasterio, Shapely.
- Overview of spatial analysis concepts: autocorrelation, heterogeneity, scale.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing deforestation patterns in the Amazon using satellite imagery and exploring early machine learning approaches for change detection.

Module 2: Spatial Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

- Sources of geospatial data: Satellite imagery, LiDAR, GPS, OpenStreetMap.
- Data cleaning techniques: Handling missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies in spatial data.
- Geospatial data transformations: Projections, coordinate systems, resampling.
- Feature engineering for spatial data: Creating relevant attributes from raw spatial information.
- **Case Study:** Preprocessing open-source urban mobility data (e.g., taxi trip records) for analyzing traffic congestion and identifying potential spatial features for predictive modeling.

Module 3: Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis (ESDA)

- Visualizing spatial patterns: Choropleth maps, heatmaps, scatter plot matrices for spatial variables.
- Measuring spatial autocorrelation: Moran's I and Geary's C.
- Identifying spatial clusters and outliers: Hotspot analysis, local indicators of spatial association (LISA).

- Descriptive statistics for spatial datasets.
- **Case Study:** Using ESDA to identify crime hotspots in a city, exploring the spatial distribution of incidents and potential underlying socio-economic factors.

Module 4: Supervised Learning for Spatial Classification

- Introduction to classification algorithms: Decision Trees, Random Forests, Support Vector Machines (SVM).
- Applying classification to spatial data: Land cover classification from satellite imagery.
- Training, validation, and testing of spatial classification models.
- Accuracy assessment metrics for spatial classification: Confusion matrix, Kappa coefficient.
- **Case Study:** Classifying urban land use types (residential, commercial, industrial) from aerial photographs using Random Forest, evaluating model performance.

Module 5: Supervised Learning for Spatial Regression

- Introduction to regression algorithms: Linear Regression, Ridge, Lasso.
- Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR) for capturing spatial heterogeneity.
- Predicting continuous spatial variables: Property values, pollution levels, crop yields.
- Model evaluation for spatial regression: R-squared, RMSE, MAE.
- **Case Study:** Predicting housing prices in different neighborhoods based on spatial features like proximity to amenities, transportation, and green spaces using GWR.

Module 6: Unsupervised Learning: Spatial Clustering

- Clustering methods for spatial data: K-Means, DBSCAN, Hierarchical Clustering.
- Identifying natural groupings in geographic data without prior labels.
- Applications: Market segmentation, urban typologies, ecological zone delineation.
- Interpreting and visualizing spatial clusters.
- **Case Study:** Segmenting customer locations based on purchasing behavior and geographic proximity to optimize marketing campaigns for a retail chain.

Module 7: Remote Sensing Data and Machine Learning

- Working with satellite imagery: Landsat, Sentinel, Planet Labs data.
- Image segmentation and object-based image analysis (OBIA) with ML.
- Feature extraction from remote sensing data: Spectral indices, textures.
- Change detection using machine learning algorithms.
- **Case Study:** Detecting land-use changes due to urbanization or natural disasters using multi-temporal satellite imagery and supervised classification.

Module 8: Geospatial Deep Learning: An Introduction

- Fundamentals of Neural Networks and Deep Learning.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for image processing in a spatial context.
- Applications of deep learning in remote sensing: semantic segmentation, object detection.
- Introduction to frameworks like TensorFlow/Keras for spatial deep learning.
- **Case Study:** Using CNNs for automated building footprint extraction from high-resolution aerial imagery for urban inventory.

Module 9: Spatio-temporal Machine Learning

- Understanding time series data in a spatial context.
- Methods for modeling spatio-temporal patterns: LSTMs, Prophet (with spatial components).

- Predicting future spatial events: Traffic flow, disease spread, weather phenomena.
- Visualizing dynamic spatial data.
- **Case Study:** Forecasting traffic congestion patterns in a city using historical GPS data and spatio-temporal deep learning models to optimize traffic management.

Module 10: Geospatial Big Data and Cloud Computing

- Challenges of handling large spatial datasets.
- Introduction to cloud-based geospatial platforms: Google Earth Engine, AWS Sagemaker GeoSpatial.
- Distributed computing for spatial machine learning.
- Scalable data processing with Dask/Spark.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing global climate change indicators (e.g., temperature anomalies) from massive satellite datasets using Google Earth Engine and machine learning.

Module 11: Model Evaluation and Validation for Spatial Data

- Metrics for assessing model performance: Beyond standard accuracy measures.
- Spatial cross-validation techniques.
- Addressing spatial autocorrelation in model validation.
- Interpreting model uncertainty and confidence.
- **Case Study:** Validating a flood prediction model using historical flood event data, focusing on spatial and temporal accuracy metrics.

Module 12: Ethical AI and Bias in Geospatial Applications

- Understanding bias in spatial data and machine learning models.
- Fairness, accountability, and transparency in geospatial AI.
- Ethical considerations in data collection, privacy, and deployment of spatial AI.
- Case studies of ethical dilemmas in spatial machine learning.
- **Case Study:** Discussing potential biases in predictive policing models based on historical crime data and geographic targeting, and strategies for mitigation.

Module 13: Building and Deploying Spatial ML Models

- Workflow for developing and deploying a spatial machine learning solution.
- Version control for spatial models and datasets.
- Introduction to MLOps for geospatial applications.
- Simple deployment strategies for interactive web maps with ML outputs.
- **Case Study:** Developing a web application that predicts optimal locations for new retail stores based on demographic and competitor spatial data.

Module 14: Advanced Topics and Future Trends in Spatial ML

- Geographical Explainable AI (Geo-XAI).
- Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) for spatial analysis.
- Reinforcement learning in spatial decision-making.
- Current research frontiers and emerging applications of spatial ML.
- **Case Study:** Exploring the use of GNNs to model complex interactions within urban networks (e.g., transportation, social networks) for predictive analytics.

Module 15: Capstone Project & Presentation

- Participants will apply learned concepts to a real-world spatial machine learning problem of their choice.
- Project conceptualization, data collection, model development, and evaluation.
- Presentation of project findings and insights.
- Peer feedback and discussion.
- **Case Study:** Participants work on diverse projects such as predicting seismic activity, optimizing agricultural yields, or identifying suitable locations for renewable energy installations.

Training Methodology

- **Instructor-Led Sessions:** Expert-led lectures combined with interactive discussions.
- **Practical Coding Exercises:** Extensive hands-on exercises using **Python, GeoPandas, scikit-learn**, and other relevant libraries.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** Application of concepts through diverse industry-specific **spatial machine learning** scenarios.
- **Live Demonstrations:** Step-by-step walkthroughs of complex spatial analysis and modeling techniques.
- **Group Discussions & Problem Solving:** Collaborative learning to tackle challenging spatial data problems.
- **Capstone Project:** A culminating project allowing participants to apply their knowledge to a real-world problem and receive personalized feedback.
- **Q&A and Troubleshooting:** Dedicated sessions for addressing participant queries and debugging code.

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Certification

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

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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

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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