

Geography 330 Fall 2005 Semester Project

25 percent of your grade will be based on the final project. The final project will consist of three parts: a proposal, data analysis, and a write-up. The proposal is due on October the 2nd week of October in class, and the analysis and write up are due on the day of the finals. We will discuss appropriate data sets during our initial meetings. You should follow up the initial meeting with a short e-mail to me describing your understanding of the conversations. I recommend that you build your project around a topic that you may be doing in another class. The data analysis should reflect a thorough knowledge of the GIS techniques taught in class and elementary statistics. The write up should speak about the research questions you have posed, a hypothesis you tested (if relevant), a justification of the particular techniques you used, and a written report on your research conclusions. Your final report should also include all charts and maps that you have used to come to your final conclusions. In total, the report should number at least five written pages, and sufficient charts/maps to support your claims (these are in addition to the five written pages).

Your project will be graded on the following scale:

Project Proposal (10%) + GIS component (60%) + Written Report (30%)

The project timeline is as follows:

1. Set up a meeting with Dr. Yapa on during office hours to discuss your project ideas. His office hours are from 9-10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Be sure to email him in advance to arrange the time that you will meet.
2. Proposals are due in class the second week of October.
3. A one-page written progress report on the status of your semester project is due at the beginning of class on 11/7.
4. Your final project is due on the day of the finals. .