

MIDWEST GEOSPATIAL ACADEMY FAQs

General Information

Is Midwest Geospatial Academy (MGA) a new school?

Yes, MGA was incorporated as a non-profit public benefit corporation in Missouri on April 16, 2024.

What is your website?

www.geospatialacademy.us

Enrollment and Courses

When do classes begin?

The first semester started on August 26, 2024; it will end on December 6. The Spring Semester starts on January 13, 2025 and ends on May 2, 2025.

When can I enroll?

For the fall semester enrollment opened on August 3. Late enrollment is available until September 3. Enrollment for the Spring semester will open in October, check the website for ability to select courses.

What are the spring 2025 courses?

- **SUR202 Surveying II (Hybrid)**
 - **SUR302 Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying (Online)**
 - **If we have sufficient students, SUR303 Elements of Surveying Practice** will also be offered
- Each course is three credit hours.

What courses are usually offered in the fall?

- **SUR201 Surveying I (Hybrid)**
 - **SUR301 Land Records: Researching and Using (Online)**
 - **SUR303 Elements of Surveying Practice (Online)**
- Each course is three credit hours.

What are the costs?

- Hybrid courses: \$850 (SUR 201 and SUR202, Surveying I and II respectively)
- Online courses: \$800

How do I apply?

Visit our website and click "Apply Now." You'll need a scanned copy of your transcript. For SUR201, no college credit is required to proceed with enrollment.

When and how do I pay for tuition?

You will be invoiced once fully enrolled. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or check. Outstanding invoice must be paid before classes beginning. Late fees begin on the first day of class.

What if I have credits from other schools?

Send official transcripts to admissions@geospatialacademy.us or mail them to MGA Admissions, P.O. Box 22453, Kansas City, MO 64113. If time is an issue, email unofficial copies and contact us to discuss options.

Additional Information

How can I get answers to questions not answered here?

Email us at info@geospatialacademy.us

Is MGA affiliated with GeoLearn?

No, MGA is an independent non-profit college. While founded by Joe Paiva, it is separate from GeoLearn LLC.

Are MGA courses recognized for licensure in Missouri?

Yes, the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects (APEPLSPLA) has approved all MGA courses as currently acceptable education courses for Missouri licensure as Land Surveyors. SUR301, SUR302 and SUR303 are acceptable for legal aspects content as well.

Do Surveying I and II include labs?

Yes, students can find a registered land surveyor to act as their proctor for labs, or attend in-person labs in Rolla, MO on the Missouri S&T campus for four Saturdays per term. Lab sessions run from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Can I choose between remote and on-campus labs?

Yes, but students must decide by the first lab date of the semester. Mixing both options is not allowed.

How do I find a remote lab mentor?

Contact local surveyors to serve as your mentor. Use the form provided by your instructor to outline responsibilities. Both the student and surveyor must sign the agreement, which requires approval from the instructor or survey program advisor. Contact MGA if you are having finding difficulty finding a mentor.

Will MGA offer more courses or degrees?

We are exploring additional courses in surveying and geospatial topics. If demand grows, we will consider offering degree programs.

Does MGA provide degrees?

Not currently; but MGA offers a Basic Certificate in Land Surveying to students completing five specific courses. The certificate is not a stand-alone credential for licensure; official transcripts showing course completion are required. See website for more details on this certificate.

Can out-of-state students enroll at MGA?

Yes, students from any location can enroll if they meet the registration requirements.

Will MGA allow high school students to earn college credit?

We are working to enable advanced enrollment for high school students, pending feedback from high school teachers and compliance with local and state education requirements.

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