

# GIS2, 80-point rubric

Student \_\_\_\_\_

## Rubric for scoring the final lab report

### Purpose

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Based on what the student wrote, did the student express the purpose of the lab using his or her own words AND demonstrate that they understand why they did the assignment? If 'yes', then award between 1 and 5 points according to quality. If 'no', then award 0 points.

### Objectives

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Based on what the student wrote, did the student express the list of objectives using his or her own words AND demonstrate that s/he understands what needed to be accomplished during the assignment? If 'yes', then award between 1 and 5 points according to quality. If 'no', then award 0 points.

### Data and methods

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Based on what the student wrote, did the student express how the objectives were accomplished AND are the methods repeatable? (In other words, would a literate and reasonable person be able to use the report as a set of instructions and reproduce the same results? For example, were mathematical/field calculator or SQL expressions reported?) Award points (0 to 7) according to quality.

### Results and answers to questions

35

Based on what the student wrote, have all the questions been answered completely and correctly? Award points (0 to 35) according to the quality and proportion of complete and correct responses. Questions are often weighted differently, for some may prompt a student to recall or report a simple fact (and be worth less), while others may prompt students to apply spatial reasoning, describe a spatial pattern, or combine pieces evidence to draw a conclusion (and be worth more).

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Have all data (either inputs or results) been reported with their attendant units of measure? If 'yes' throughout the entire report, then award 4 points. If 'no' anywhere in the report (e.g., missing in the map legend, from a table caption or table header, from a figure caption, from the text of an answer, etc.), then award 0 points. All values **MUST** be reported with their units.

### Summary and conclusion

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Based on what the student wrote, did the student achieve the objectives of the project and demonstrate understanding of the work that was accomplished? Award points (0 to 20) according to quality of their data-driven story about how the Chimney Tops 2 Fire affected people, property, and forest. **NOTE:** Check each handout for any special instructions.

### Report organization and format

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Were the student's name, date, and lab title placed at the top of the first page and is the report formatted in accordance with the requirements listed in the deliverables section of the lab handout (i.e., page margins and numbers, section headings, inline figures and tables, numbered captions for all figures and tables, and consistent use of: font style and size, line spacing, etc.)? If 'yes' to all, then award 4 points. If 'no' to any, then award 0 points.

### Adjustment for tables, figures, or plates (i.e., oversized figures)

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If used, do all the graphic devices ( tables, figures, or plates) have proper captions, highlight data, and look professional? Are the rows in each table sorted meaningfully (i.e., not just alphabetically)? **The default score is 0 points.** If 'yes' to all, then award up to 4 bonus points. If the graphic devices obfuscate data, are littered with chart junk, or suffer from really bad or sloppy design, then penalize by taking away up to 4 points.

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Final score

Comments:

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