

## TEC-962N: Using Google Maps and Earth

### Independent Study Online Course Syllabus

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**Number of Graduate Semester Units:** 3  
**Target Audience:** All grade levels  
**Course Access:** [ce-connect.fresno.edu](https://ce-connect.fresno.edu)

#### Course Description

In this course, Using Google Maps and Earth, you will see the world as you have never seen it before. These interconnected applications enable you to explore and navigate around the world with programs that are packed with features and high-resolution views to enrich the lives for you and your students. Most of you are acquainted with using map programs on your phones to navigate to one location but you will be amazed at how much more you can get out of Google Maps on your computer and your smartphone. The other part of the course, Google Earth, has you flying around the globe and zooming into the places you want to explore. The course covers Google Earth, the online version, and Google Earth Pro, a free download application. If you are not getting a mental picture go to [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com) and check it out. All of these applications have easy to use tools that enable you to create your own interactive projects you can incorporate into standards-based lessons. All you need is a computer, smartphone, and a stable internet connection. The applications are free along with the online tutorial resources. You do not need access to students to complete the course. As with all of our courses, we take great pride in supporting our students.

**Note:** There is no required book for this course.

#### Required Texts and Course Materials

**Technology Requirements:** The technology required for this course includes a computer/laptop, a smart phone, and a stable internet connection.

**Course Materials:** All course materials will be delivered online. The latest version of Google Earth Pro will need to be downloaded and installed. Google Maps and Google Earth apps need to be installed on phones. These programs are free.

**Online Resources:** Relevant online resources that support the course content and encourage further investigation will be available throughout the course assignments. Active hyperlinks are utilized throughout the course and will link to the appropriate information when clicked. These include videos, podcasts, worksheets, online activities, journal articles and other resources.

**Moodle:** Moodle is a web-based learning management system used to support flexible teaching and learning in both face-to-face and distance courses (e-learning).

<https://moodle.org> // <https://moodle.org/demo> // <https://docs.moodle.org>

## Course Dates

Self-paced; students may enroll at any time and take up to one year, from the date of registration, to complete assignments. Students may complete assignments in no less than three weeks for a 3-unit course (one week per unit).

## National Standards Addressed in This Course

### National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

(<http://www.nbpts.org/standards-five-core-propositions/>)

First published in 1989 and updated in 2016, [\*What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do\*](#) articulates the National Board's Five Core Propositions for teaching. The Five Core Propositions - comparable to medicine's Hippocratic Oath — set forth the profession's vision for accomplished teaching. Together, the propositions form the basis of all National Board Standards and the foundation for National Board Certification. Course assignments have been designed so students can demonstrate excellence against these professional teaching standards whenever possible.

- Proposition 1: Teachers are committed to students and their learning
- Proposition 2: Teachers know the subject they teach and how to teach those subjects to students
- Proposition 3: Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- Proposition 4: Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience
- Proposition 5: Teachers are members of learning communities

### National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) (<https://www.iste.org/standards>)

The projects contained in this course are closely aligned to the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) for teachers. Numbers in parentheses following each learning outcome above refer to the National Educational Technology Standards category to which the outcome is linked. The categories are:

- I. Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity
- II. Design and Develop Digital-Age Learning Experiences and Assessments
- III. Model Digital-Age Work and Learning
- IV. Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility
- V. Engage in Professional Growth and Leadership

## Continuing Education Student Learning Outcomes (CE-SLO)

CE-SLO 1	Demonstrate proficient written communication by articulating a clear focus, synthesizing arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to inform and persuade others, and present information applicable to targeted use.
CE-SLO 2	Demonstrate comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.

CE-SLO 3	Reflect on their personal and professional growth and provide evidence of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and professional improvement.
CE-SLO 4	Apply critical thinking competencies by generating probing questions, recognizing underlying assumptions, interpreting and evaluating relevant information, and applying their understandings to the professional setting.
CE-SLO 5	Reflect on values that inspire high standards of professional and ethical behavior as they pursue excellence in applying new learning to their chosen field.
CE-SLO 6	Identify information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, organize that information, identify the best sources of information for a given enquiry, locate and critically evaluate sources, and accurately and effectively share that information.

**Course Student Learning Outcomes (C-SLO)**

<b>Student Learning Outcomes for This Course</b> By the end of this course student will be able to:	<b>National Standards Addressed*</b>	<b>CE-SLO Addressed**</b>
1. Share their background experience and respond to other educators' forum posts.	NBPTS 5	CE 1
2. Demonstrate their ability to search, navigate, and explore using Google applications	NBPTS 4	CE 1, 4, 6
3. Employ methods to connect with students/parents/educators so they can participate in online activities and access online resources.	NBPTS 1, 3, 4, 5	CE 4, 6
4. Use the tools in the different programs to create online resources that can be shared and used in instruction.	NBPTS 1, 2, 4, 5	CE 1, 2, 4, 6
5. Create age level appropriate lessons that integrate the technology with sound teaching practice.	NBPTS 1, 2, 3	CE 1, 2, 4, 6
6. Share learning resources, goals, and successes, with other educators and reflect on their experiences in learning to use the tools to teach online.	NBPTS 4, 5	CE 1, 3, 5

\* Please refer to the section on **National Standards Addressed in This Course**

\*\* Please refer to the section on **Continuing Education Program Student Learning Outcomes**

## Topics, Assignments, and Activities

Module Title	Module Assignments and Activities	Points Possible for Each Assignment
<b>Welcome Module</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Video</li> <li>Course Syllabus</li> <li>Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>Module 1:</b> Google Maps Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review syllabus</li> <li>Study the Material in Getting Started</li> <li>Study the checklist and online resources.</li> <li>1.1 Forum Assignment: Getting to Know You</li> <li>1.2 Assignment: Exploring with Google Maps</li> <li>1.3 Assignment: Getting Around in the City</li> </ul>	10 pts 20 pts 20 pts
<b>Module 2:</b> Using Google My Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the checklists and online resources.</li> <li>2.1 Assignment: Creating Custom Maps Using My Maps</li> <li>2.2 Assignment: Navigating with Google Maps on Your Phone</li> </ul>	20 pts 20 pts
<b>Module 3:</b> Google Maps Lesson Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the supplied resources and conduct research on ways Google Maps is being used in instruction.</li> <li>3.1 Assignment: Google Maps Lesson Plans</li> <li>3.2 Assignment: Google Maps Basic Education</li> </ul>	20 pts 20 pts
<b>Module 4:</b> Google Earth Pro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the checklists and online resources.</li> <li>4.1 Assignment: Exploring with Google Earth Pro</li> <li>4.2 Assignment: Creating Layers in My Places</li> </ul>	20 pts 20 pts
<b>Module 5:</b> Google Earth Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study the checklists and online resources.</li> <li>5.1 Assignment: Using Google Earth</li> <li>5.2 Assignment: Google Earth Projects</li> </ul>	20 pts 20 pts
<b>Module 6:</b> Google Earth Lesson Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the supplied resources and conduct research on ways Google Earth Pro and Google Earth are being used in instruction.</li> <li>6.1 Assignment: Google Earth Lesson Plans</li> </ul>	20 pts
<b>Module 7:</b> Sharing and Responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflect on the course and elements that could become a part of their own teaching.</li> <li>7.1 Forum Assignment: Reflect and Respond</li> </ul>	10 pts
<b>Course Wrap-up – Grading and Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Evaluation</li> <li>Course Completion Checklist</li> <li>Grade Request / Transcript Request</li> </ul>	
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>240 points</b>

## Grading Policies, Rubrics, and Requirements for Assignments

### Grading Policies

- Assignments will be graded per criteria presented in the course rubrics.
- A = 90-100% and B = 80-89%, (anything below 80% will not receive credit.)

- The discernment between an A or a B letter grade is at the discretion of the instructor based on the quality of work submitted (see course rubrics).
- Coursework falling below a B grade will be returned with further instructions.
- All assignments must be completed to receive a grade and are expected to reflect the quality that teacher-training institutions require of professional educators. If completed assignments do not meet this standard, students will be notified with further instructions from the instructor.

### Grading Rubrics

Grade	Percent	Description	Rubric
A	90-100%	Excellent	Meets all course / assignment requirements with significant evidence of subject mastery and demonstration of excellent graduate level professional development scholarship.
B	80-89%	Very Good	Adequately meets criteria for all course/assignment requirements - demonstrates subject competency with very good graduate level professional development scholarship.
NC	Below 80%	Unacceptable	Does not meet the minimum criteria for all course/assignment requirements and demonstrated little, if any, evidence of acceptable graduate level professional development scholarship.

### Writing Requirements

- **Superior:** Writing is clear, succinct, and reflects graduate level expectations. Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task. Maintains a consistent point of view and organizational structure. Includes relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Standard:** Writing is acceptable with very few mistakes in grammar and spelling. Addresses most parts of the writing task. Maintains a mostly consistent point of view and organizational structure. Includes mostly relevant facts, details, and explanations.
- **Sub-standard:** Writing contains noticeable mistakes in grammar and spelling. Does not address all parts of the writing task. Lacks a consistent point of view and organizational structure. May include marginally relevant facts, details, and explanations.

### Lesson Plan Requirements

- **Superior:** Instructional goals and objectives clearly stated. Instructional strategies appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is clearly delineated and authentic. All materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson clearly listed.
- **Standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are stated but are not easy to understand. Some instructional strategies are appropriate for learning outcome(s). Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is present. Most materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are listed.
- **Sub-standard:** Instructional goals and objectives are not stated. Learners cannot tell what is expected of them. Instructional strategies are missing or strategies used are inappropriate. Method for assessing student learning and evaluating instruction is missing. Materials necessary for student and teacher to complete lesson are missing.

## **Instructor/Student Contact Information**

Throughout the course participants will be communicating with the instructor and their classmates on a regular basis using asynchronous discussion forums. Students are provided with instructor contact information in the event they want to make email or phone contact. In addition, students are encouraged to email or phone the instructor at any time. Students will also receive feedback on the required assignments as they are submitted.

## **Forums**

Participation is an important expectation of this course and all online courses. Online discussions promote reflection and analysis while allowing students to appreciate and evaluate positions that others express. While students may not be engaging with the same students throughout this course, they will be expected to offer comments, questions, and replies to the discussion question whenever possible. The faculty role in the discussion forum is that of an observer and facilitator.

## **Coursework Hours**

Based on the Carnegie Unit standard, a unit of graduate credit measures academic credit based on the number of hours the student is engaged in learning. This includes all time spent on the course: reading the textbook, watching videos, listening to audio lessons, researching topics, writing papers, creating projects, developing lesson plans, posting to discussion boards, etc. Coursework offered for FPU Continuing Education graduate credit adheres to 45 hours per semester unit for the 900-level courses. Therefore, a student will spend approximately 135 hours on a typical 3-unit course.

## **Services for Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities are eligible for reasonable accommodations in their academic work in all classes. In order to receive assistance, the student with a disability must provide the Academic Support Center with documentation, which describes the specific disability. The documentation must be from a qualified professional in the area of the disability (i.e. psychologist, physician or educational diagnostician). Students with disabilities should contact the Academic Support Center to discuss academic and other needs as soon as they are diagnosed with a disability. Once documentation is on file, arrangements for reasonable accommodations can be made. For more information and for downloadable forms, please go to <https://www.fresno.edu/students/academic-support/services-students-disabilities>.

## **Plagiarism and Academic Honesty**

All people participating in the educational process at Fresno Pacific University are expected to pursue honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work. Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will be handled per the procedures set forth in the Fresno Pacific University Catalogue - <https://www.fresno.edu/students/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>

## **Technology Requirements**

To successfully complete the course requirements, course participants will need Internet access, can send and receive email, know how to manage simple files in a word processing program, and

have a basic understanding of the Internet. Please remember that the instructor is not able to offer technical support. If you need technical support, please contact your Internet Service Provider.

**Moodle:** This course will be delivered totally online. Moodle is a learning management system that provides students access to online resources, documents, graded assignments, quizzes, discussion forums, etc. Moodle is easy to learn and has a friendly user interface. To learn more about Moodle, go to [https://docs.moodle.org/33/en/Student\\_FAQ](https://docs.moodle.org/33/en/Student_FAQ). There are also some student tutorials on the Center for Online Learning website at Fresno Pacific University - <https://col.fresno.edu/student>.

**Moodle Site Login and Passwords:** Students will need to have internet access to log onto <https://ce-connect.fresno.edu>. The username and password numbers for Moodle access will be sent to you by the university using the email address you submitted at the time of registration. The instructor will then contact you with a welcome communication. If you need help with your username and password recovery, please contact the Continuing Education office at (800) 372-5505 or (559) 453-2000 during regular office hours - Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. or email them at [prof.dev@fresno.edu](mailto:prof.dev@fresno.edu).

**Getting Help with Moodle:** If you need help with Moodle, please contact the Center for Online Learning (COL), by telephone or the website. Help by phone (559) 453-3460 is available Mon-Thurs 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Fridays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or by filling out a “Request Services” form at <https://col.fresno.edu/contact/request-services>. Please identify that you are with the “School = Continuing Education”.

## Final Course Grade and Transcripts

When all work for the course has been completed, students will need to logon to the Continuing Education website (<https://ce.fresno.edu/my-account>) and “Request Final Grade”. Once the instructor receives the requests and submits the grade online, students may log back in to view their Final Grade Report or order transcripts online. Please allow at least two weeks for the final grade to be posted. For more information, see the Continuing Education Policies and Procedures at <https://ce.fresno.edu/ce-policies-and-procedures>.

## University Policies and Procedures

Students are responsible for becoming familiar with the information presented in the Academic Catalog and for knowing and observing all policies and procedures related to their participation in the university community. A summary of university policies may be found on the university website at <https://www.fresno.edu/students/registrars-office/academic-catalogs>.

## Fresno Pacific University Student Learning Outcomes (FPU-SLO)

FPU-SLO 1	<b>Student Learning Outcomes Oral Communication:</b> Students will <i>exhibit</i> clear, engaging, and confident oral communication – in both individual and group settings – and will critically <i>evaluate</i> content and delivery components.
FPU-SLO 2	<b>Written Communication:</b> Students will <i>demonstrate</i> proficient written communication by <i>articulating</i> a clear focus, <i>synthesizing</i> arguments, and utilizing standard formats in order to <i>inform</i> and <i>persuade</i> others.
FPU-SLO 3	<b>Content Knowledge:</b> Students will <i>demonstrate</i> comprehension of content-specific knowledge and the ability to apply it in theoretical, personal, professional, or societal contexts.

FPU-SLO 4	<b>Reflection:</b> Students will <i>reflect</i> on their personal and professional growth and <i>provide evidence</i> of how such reflection is utilized to manage personal and vocational improvement.
FPU-SLO 5	<b>Critical Thinking:</b> Students will <i>apply</i> critical thinking competencies by <i>generating</i> probing questions, <i>recognizing</i> underlying assumptions, <i>interpreting</i> and <i>evaluating</i> relevant information, and <i>applying</i> their understandings to new situations.
FPU-SLO 6	<b>Moral Reasoning:</b> Students will <i>identify</i> and <i>apply</i> moral reasoning and ethical decision-making skills, and <i>articulate</i> the norms and principles underlying a Christian worldview.
FPU-SLO 7	<b>Service:</b> Students will <i>demonstrate</i> service and reconciliation as a way of leadership.
FPU-SLO 8	<b>Cultural and Global Perspective:</b> Students will <i>identify</i> personal, cultural, and global perspectives and will employ these perspectives to <i>evaluate</i> complex systems.
FPU-SLO 9	<b>Quantitative Reasoning:</b> Students will accurately <i>compute</i> calculations and symbolic operations and <i>explain</i> their use in a field of study.
FPU-SLO 10	<b>Information Literacy:</b> Students will <i>identify</i> information needed in order to fully understand a topic or task, <i>explain</i> how that information is organized, <i>identify</i> the best sources of information for a given enquiry, <i>locate</i> and critically <i>evaluate</i> sources, and accurately and effectively <i>share</i> that information.