

VIRTUAL CAMPUS - PART OF THE ESRI TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT:

Since 1998, ESRI Virtual Campus has offered self-paced training over the Internet. Today, over 300.000 students from around the world get their GIS training on the Virtual Campus. ESRI Virtual Campus training is an affordable, high-quality learning experience using interactive exercises, examples, and instructional resources to create a rich learning environment. The convenience and ability to learn at your own pace in a dynamic educational environment are hallmarks of Virtual Campus training.

ESRI offers a variety of training and education products designed to meet the diverse training needs, learning styles, and budgets of our customers.

ESRI's Training Opportunities:

- Instructor-led courses are ideal for students who want to learn in a traditional classroom format where expert instruction, hands-on practice, class participation, and peer networking opportunities are emphasized.
- Instructor-led Virtual Classroom courses provide the benefits of instructor-led training in an interactive online class environment. Virtual Classroom courses have no associated travel costs, making them an affordable option for organizations that want access to an ESRI instructor.
- Web courses offer an excellent value to those who prefer to learn at their own pace.
- Online training seminars and Instructional Series podcasts are available at no cost and cover a wide variety of focused GIS technology topics.

Besides the "real" training opportunities, ESRI offers a variety of information sources such as:

- ESRI Support Center with user forums, whitepapers, knowledge bases, and tools for download
- ESRI Web help for nearly every ArcGIS Product with online tutorials
- ESRI Resource Centers – the ESRI gateway to information and services
- GIS Education Community
- Tutorials that come with ArcGIS Software – Short courses to get in touch with the software
- Training books – a broad variety of learning and information literature
- Newsletter, magazines and journals
- Podcasts, Blogs, Videos