

GIMA

Geographical Information Management and Applications

NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

- INTRODUCTION -

Another academic year has passed, so it is time to relax and enjoy your holidays. A new student population will kick-off soon as well. The secretary is off for vacation as well, from July 20th until August 20th. E-mails will be replied but not always within one week during this period. Please e-mail before July 16th if you have some urgent matters.

All the best,

Justin Stook

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- LETTERS TO THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE/BOARD -

If you have any formal requests, please address them to the Examination Board via the Secretary before Friday September 3rd! This also includes requests of exemption for the internship!

- GRADUATED & GRADUATION CEREMONIES -

During the meeting in Delft, the follow students are graduated: John Schaap, Niek Goorman, Bregje Brugman and Alex de Jonge – Congratulations all! For some of them, their graduation ceremony is to be scheduled at September 3rd in Enschede. Additionally, we also have the graduation ceremonies of Pawel Sudra and Marije Louwsma coming up.

- RE-REGISTRATION (reminder) -

Please do not forget you are obliged to reregister each year at Utrecht University. The procedure is twofold: (1) you need to re-enrol via <http://www.studielink.nl> and (2) you need to submit the registration forms (payment authorization forms) before August 1st. If you do NOT receive official paper forms from Utrecht University within three weeks, urgently contact the Central Students Service (go to <http://gdesk.uu.nl> in that case)!!!

- INTERGRAPH/GEOMEDIA WORKSHOP AND SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION -

The workshop for Intergraph's Geomedia is to be scheduled for Friday afternoon August 27th. If you want to attend, you have to apply by sending the secretary an e-mail (gima@geo.uu.nl or Justin.stook@wur.nl) to announce you'll be there **as soon as possible**.

- THESIS SUBMIT TO A MAGAZINE? -

Do you think your thesis has quite some novelty? Do you think your thesis is generally interesting for others to read? Do you want to share your thesis? So why don't you publish it in a GI magazine? We have good relationships with GIS Magazine, and often, publications of GIMA students can be found in this magazine. So, now it's your turn to contribute to the world of GI. If you have a thesis topic related to the themes below, contact Sisi Zlatanova (s.zlatanova@tudelft.nl) and the Secretary (gima@geo.uu.nl or Justin.stook@wur.nl) on what to submit. With the magazine being Dutch, you must be able to translate it correctly into Dutch. Along with your article, attach your illustrations as well. Submit it as soon as possible!

The themes for upcoming months:

SEP: GIS Conference and Mobile GIS (applications)

OKT/NOV: Geo Events

- GIMA STATISTICS -

For GIMA, September 2010 will be the kick-off for the 8th academic year. Time for some statistics so far!

In general

So the beginning, we have had 172 enrollments, of which 144 actually started to MSc programme, in which a minor majority has been a fulltime student. The ratio of *full time* : *half time* for students who participated in at least one module, has become a stable, near-50:50 (see figure 1). Since 2007, there are slightly more half time students in total. However, GIS is obviously a study in which the males are still dominating: four-fifth is male, although the percentage of females have been fluctuating between 31.3% in 2004 to 21.5% in 2009 (see figure 2).

Figure 1. GIMA Halftime versus Fulltime students, 2003-2009.

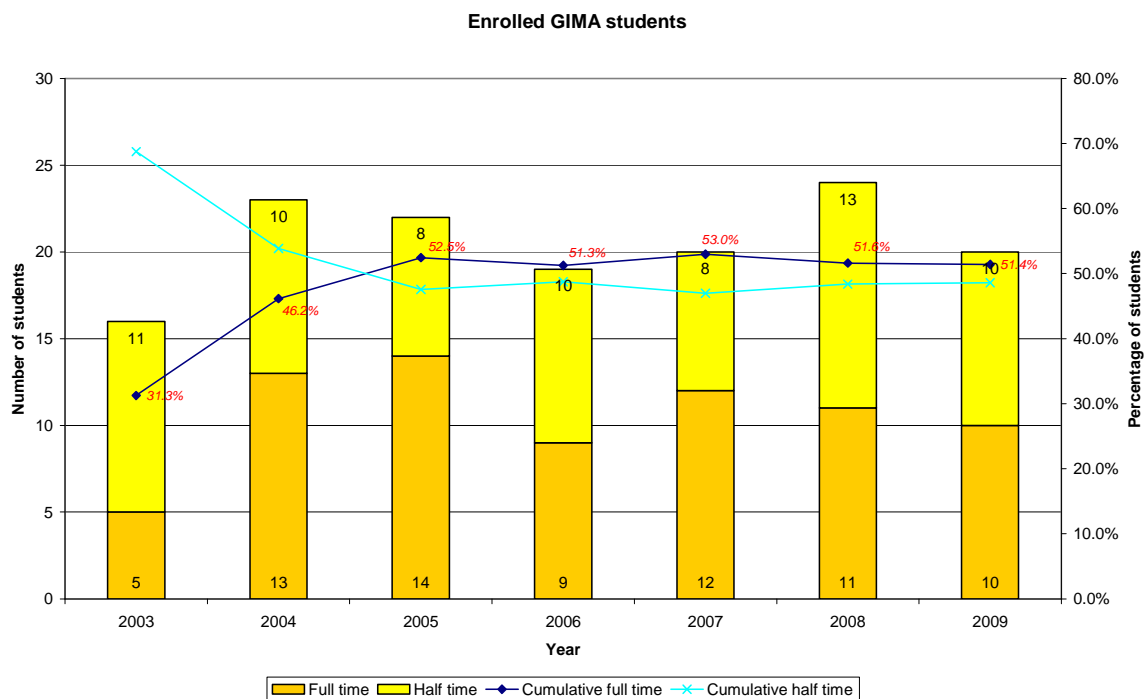
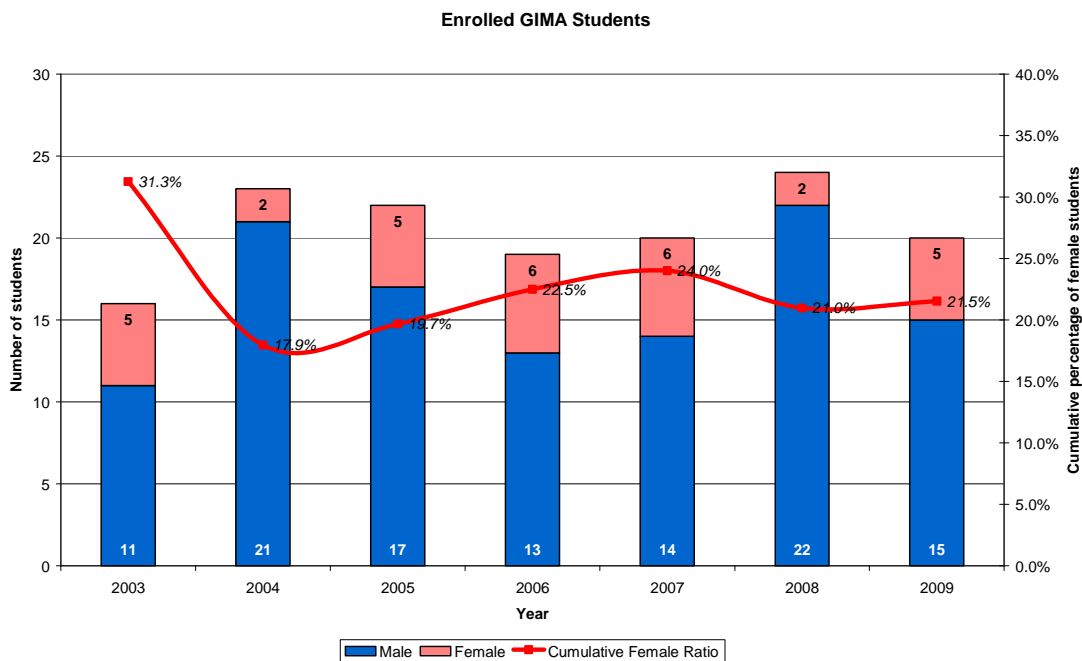


Figure 2. GIMA students by gender, 2003-2009.



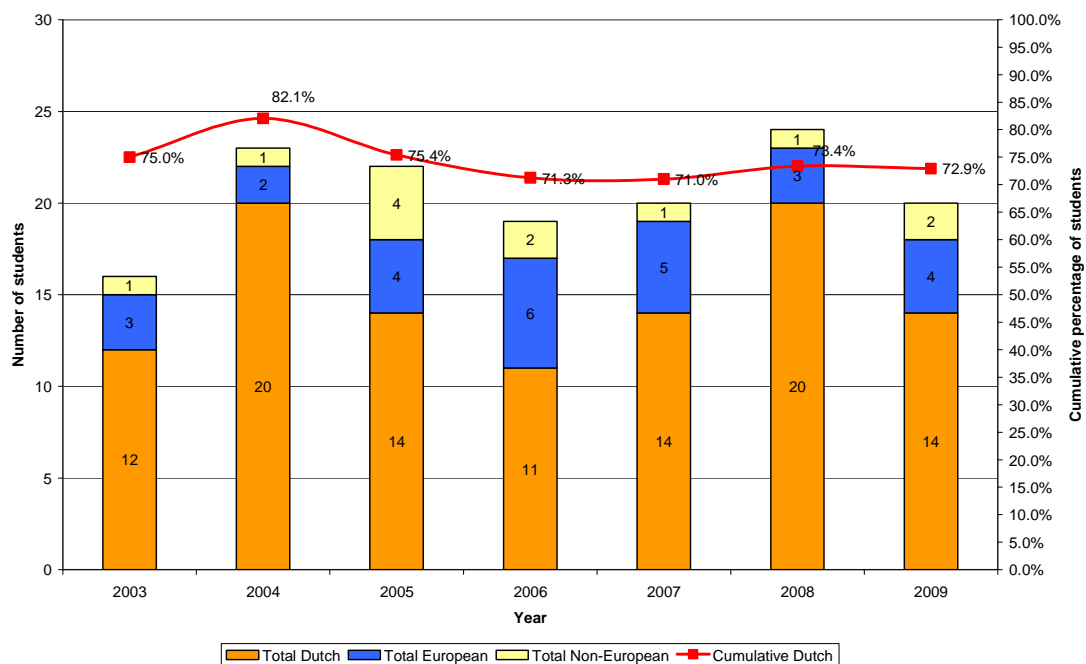
Average age (from known, non-stopped and enrolled population; 59 students)

At the date of June 29th, the average age of the students in their first year, is 32.33 years old over the last four years, with a deviation of 7.12 years. There is a clear distinction in age considering full and half time students. The average age of the full time students (usually regular students) is 29.41 years old, as opposed to the half time students (usually professionals), which is 35.35 years old. In the known population at June 29th 2010, the youngest student was 23.06 years old (which happened to be the secretary itself).

Nationalities

The amount of Dutch students is steadily decreasing. The cumulative percentage (the number of Dutch students at today's date) has been dropped from 75.0% in 2003 to 72.9% in 2010. With the current new enrolments, the share of Dutch students is decreasing. Students from non-Dutch origin includes, but is not limited to, Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Spain, Malaysia, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom and United States.

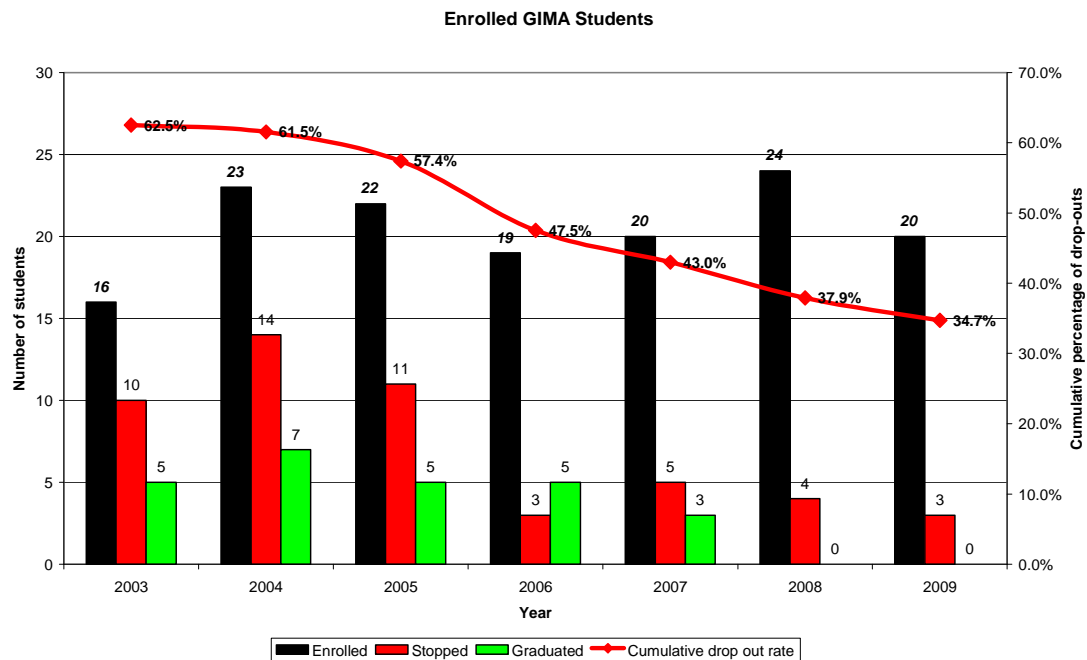
Figure 3. GIMA students by nationality, 2003-2009.



Graduated and drop outs

Keep up the good work is the motto! Since the beginning 25 students have been graduating. An equal large population is still busy with its thesis. However, over the last years, less students gave up or switched to another masters program. Whereas in the beginning only a few students continued with GIMA, six years later this rate dropped from 62.5% to by 34.7%! Figure 4 shows you what the current status per cohort is, as of June 20th, 2010

Figure 4. GIMA students by status, 2003-2009, as of June 20th 2010.



Module Marks

Even though Module 1 looks so innocent as it is right at the start of the GIMA, most students have some troubles to overcome this course. The average mark for Module 1 over the past years was a 6.79, just 0.01 lower than Module 5 (6.80). However, the deviation of those two (1.32 for Module 1 and 1.27 for Module 5) are slightly different. Not coincidentally, both modules are typical theoretical modules, so that comes in no surprise. The best scoring module is Module 7 (the internship) with an average mark of 8.12, followed by Module 6 (7.51) and Module 8 (the thesis; 7.37).

- CONTACT WEEK IN ENSCHEDE -

On this, and following pages, you can find the schedule for the contact week in Enschede at the ITC. The schedule is subject to change. Detailed programme will follow shortly before the modules will start.

- SCHEDULE IN ENSCHEDE-

WEEK 35 - Date/Time/Module							Remarks
Day	Date	Mod	Time	Building	Room*	Floor	Type
Monday	30-08-2010	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday	31-08-2010	0	10:00-17:00	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures
Wednesday	01-09-2010	0	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Practical sessions
Thursday	02-09-2010	0	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Practical sessions
Friday	03-09-2010	1	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 1
		8	09:00-12:00	ITC	To be announced	0	Mid-term presentations
			12:00-13:00	ITC	To be announced	0	GIMA Board meeting
			13:00-17:00	ITC	To be announced	0	Thesis defences
			17:00-??	ITC	To be announced	0	Graduation ceremony + drinks
WEEK 36 - Date/Time/Module							Remarks
Day	Date	Mod	Time	Building	Room*	Floor	Type
Monday	06-09-2010	1	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 1
Tuesday	07-09-2010	1	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 1
Wednesday	08-09-2010	4	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 4
Thursday	09-09-2010	4	08:40-17:30	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 4
Friday	10-09-2010	4	08:40-17:00	ITC	1-072	1	Introductionary lectures to Module 4
			17:00-??	ITC	1-072	1	Closing drinks

- GOING TO ENSCHEDE -

Address:

ITC
Hengelosestraat 99
7514 AE Enschede

By car

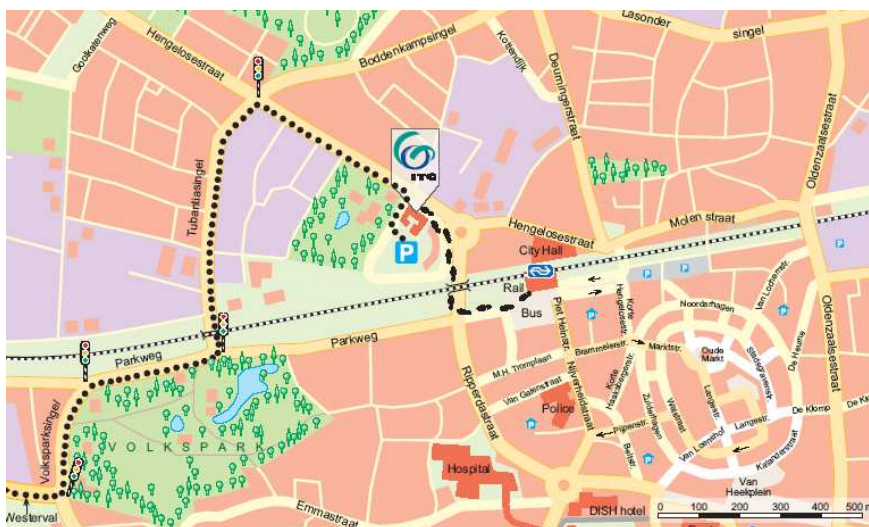
(assuming that you are coming from the west on the A1 Motorway)

- If Enschede is not mentioned on the road signs yet then follow directions to Hengelo until Enschede is mentioned.
- Take the A35, direction Enschede, then take exit number 26 "Enschede-West/Universiteit".
- At the exit follow the direction Enschede and continue at the Westervaal to the traffic lights (approximately 4 km).
- Go straight ahead until the next traffic lights.
- Turn left to enter the Parkweg.
- Keep right at the next traffic lights.
- Turn left at the next traffic lights to enter the Volksparktunnel.
- At the next traffic light turn right to enter the Hengelosestraat.
- After about 500 m. turn right into the small service road (Fortuinstraat) alongside the ITC building.
- You will find a parking lot behind the building. Use the intercom at the barrier to gain admission to the car park.

By train

Coming from Schiphol Airport, there are direct trains to Enschede leaving a few minutes before every hour. Sometimes you need to change trains at Amersfoort and/or Hengelo station, usually on the other side of the platform.

- Coming out of the Enschede railway station (facing the bus station), walk to your right.
- Cross the street at the traffic lights and follow the pavement through the tunnel on your right.
- After 500 m. you will see the ITC building on your left.



- A PLACE TO STAY IN ENSCHEDE -

The ITC has its own hotel, on a 10 minute walking distance of the ITC itself. Students are able to stay at the hotel at a special student rate of €15.23 per night. You can opt for hotel rooms by e-mailing hotel@itc.nl. Mention the fact you are involved with GIMA and hold your ITC student number ready.

- COURSE CATALOGUE -

At this moment, the new course catalogue is still being discussed, causing a delay in its release. The 2010-2011 version will be probably published near the end of August.

- GIMA DRINK -

After some absence, the next GIMA drink is to be scheduled early October 2010. Exact date will be announced early September.

- ESRI NETHERLANDS GIS CONFERENCE -

The annual GIS User conference from ESRI Netherlands, is to be scheduled on September 22nd-23rd. This event is in Dutch only, however. More information: <http://www.gisconferentie.nl/>

- CONTINUATION-DISCONTINUATION PROBLEMS -

Although it might be a little bit early (or late, depends on how you look at it), it sometimes occurs that a student encounters large problems in communication, such as non-response of a teacher, or a drop-out of a fellow group student. Please report these **immediately** to the **secretary AND the responsible module coordinator**, so that we can undertake some action.