

GIS&T Professional Ethics Project

GEO 599 Initial Student Survey

A. Personal Information

1. Name:

2. Department:

3. What is the highest degree offered in your department or program?

- 2-year certificate/Associate degree or equivalent
- BA/BS/Bsci or equivalent
- MA/MS/MSc/MPhil/MRes or equivalent
- Ph.D. or equivalent
- Other (*please specify*): _____

4. What is your highest educational degree?

Degree: _____ Year: _____ Country where received: _____

5. What is your current student or employment status (check all that apply):

- part time or full time in Master's program
- part time or full time in Doctoral program
- employed part time
- employed full time

6. What is your gender? Male Female

7. What is your country of birth? _____

8. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

B. Closed-Response Items

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

Scale: 5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree

1. I am familiar with the Code of Ethics by the GIS Certification Institute.
2. I am familiar with the Rules of Conduct by the GIS Certification Institute.
3. To what extent should ethics education be a required component of the preparation of GIS&T professionals?
4. I have the knowledge necessary to make professional decisions based on sound moral reasoning.
5. I am aware of the types of ethical issues that potentially impact the work and working environment of GIS&T professionals.
6. I have encountered situations in the workplace that have presented me with an ethical challenge.
7. Ethics is a topic that is important to professional development in GIS&T.
8. I have discussed ethical issues with co-workers and/or colleagues in the past.
9. Understanding ethics in the GIS&T profession is important to me.
10. I believe there are universal codes of ethics that are applicable to GIS&T.
11. I am very concerned about ethical practices in my current professional position.
12. Ethical practice is more a concern for GIS&T professionals in other employment sectors than it is for mine.
13. Ethical practice should be defined by the individual professional, rather than the professional community.

C. Short-Response Items

1. Read the following case study based on actual events, and answer the questions that follow:
 - a) What, if any, ethical issue(s) do you detect in the scenario presented? Explain.
 - b) What actions, if any, would you take in response to this situation? Explain.

2. What does it mean to be a “professional” in the GIS&T field? (Alternatively: What are the characteristics of a GIS&T professional)?

3. What do you expect to be the value of this course for your development as a GIS&T professional?