

Introduction to Cartography

Introduction: maps and cartography.
Spatial orientation and cognitive maps.
The cultural history of maps as visualization interfaces.
Cartographic data and information: geodesy, remote sensing, GPS, data bases.
Spatial reference systems: geographic coordinates and geodetic datum.
Cartographic projections. Scale, coverage and format.
Generalization as graphic interpretation of information.
Cartographic communication: symbols and typography.
Relief representation methods.
Topographic and reference maps.
Thematic maps: representation of geospatial data.
Principles of designing maps: layout and visual hierarchy
Orientation, wayfinding and navigation with maps.
Digital cartography and GIS.
Webcartography and geocommunication.

Literature:

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Mark Monmonier: How to lie with maps. Univ. of Chicago Press, 2005.

Suggested literature:

John Kryger – Denis Wood: Making maps. A visual guide to map design for GIS. 2011.
Alan McEachren: How maps work. Representation, Visualization, and Design. 2004.
Judith Tyner: Principles of Map Design. The Guilford Press. 2002
Borden Dent: Thematic Map Design. 1993.
Norman J. Thrower, Maps and Civilization: Cartography in Culture and Society, 2008
International Cartographic association: The World of Maps. 2014.
http://mapyear.org/files/wom/IMY_WoM_en.pdf