

# ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATION AND INFORMATICS, M.S.

## ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	This program does not admit in the fall.
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	December 1
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements ( <a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	2

The priority deadline for submitting an application to the Environmental Observation & Informatics (EOI) named option and for tuition assistance is December 1. The secondary deadline for international applicants is February 1, and April 1 for domestic applicants. International applicants should contact the EOI program coordinator as soon as possible to ensure all paperwork and documents are included.

Applications are submitted online (<https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/>)#through the UW-Madison Graduate School. When applying, select the summer term for the calendar year you are applying for (e.g. summer 2019), then choose Environmental Observation and Informatics in the drop-down tab. Prospective students who apply by December 1 will be informed of their admissions status by late January.

Individuals with diverse professional and academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year institution with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants with GPAs below 3.0 may be considered for admissions under special circumstances. Because introductory GIS is not taught in this program, applicants should have introductory GIS skills prior to the start of the program. This experience can be demonstrated through course work, professional experience, a portfolio (in the supplemental application), or a GIS certificate/degree. If an applicant does not have this experience, they should state this in their letter of interest and explain how, if accepted, introductory skills will be developed before the start of the program.

Complete applications will include all items below. Admissions decisions will be based on the entirety of each applicant's credentials.

1. Resume or CV
2. Statement of interest
3. Two letters of recommendation (submitted via the online application)
4. Unofficial undergraduate transcript (official transcript will be requested prior to final acceptance)
5. Supplemental application and professional portfolio (see text below for more information)
6. IELTS or TOEFL scores (if applicable, see below)
7. GRE (dependent on undergraduate major and GPA)

As part of the online supplemental application, applicants will submit a portfolio that showcases their quantitative or GIS experience. The portfolio should consist of documents that will help assess each applicant's proficiency and readiness for the program. Examples of these documents can include; maps developed in a GIS software or through remote sensing image analysis, figures from analysis and reports, selected slides from professional presentations, or copies of certificates, awards, and completed trainings.

For international applicants whose bachelor's degree is not in English, TOEFL or IELTS scores are required. Please visit the UW-Madison Graduate School requirements webpage (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) for complete information.