GEOGRAPHY, MS

ADMISSIONS

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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	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

BREADTH REQUIREMENTS

This program requires admitted applicants to have taken coursework in several areas of Geography to show breadth of knowledge in the field. Most admitted applicants have completed the coursework for the breadth requirements prior to entering the program. Admitted applicants must have completed the equivalent of one undergraduate-level course in each subarea (Earth Systems Geography, Human Geography, People-Environment Geography, Cartography/GIS). Admitted applicants who begin the program lacking one or more of the breadth courses are expected to complete such coursework during the master's program. Courses taken for breadth can also be used to fulfill degree requirements.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

If the applicant's primary sub-area specialization is Cartography/GIS, please apply to the Cartography and GIS MS-Thesis program, not the Geography MS program.

Refer to the following links:

- Consult the Graduate School Admissions website (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/) for information about applying to the UW-Madison Graduate School, including general admissions requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/).
- Please see the Geography Department web pages for prospective graduate students (https://geography.wisc.edu/research-graduate-programs/prospective-graduate-students/) for additional details about the program and the application process.

Materials

Upload the following to the online application:

- Three letters of recommendation (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#FAQ). The Graduate School will contact recommenders directly via e-mail once applicant enters information in the application. Be sure to contact each recommender ahead of time to let them know that they will be contacted directly by the Graduate School.
- Statement of purpose. For more information, check out our guidelines for writing a statement of purpose on our prospective student site (https://geography.wisc.edu/research-graduate-programs/prospective-graduate-students/#admissions-and-application-information).
- CV
- Unofficial transcripts
- International degree-seeking applicants will need to demonstrate English proficiency. See the Graduate School requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) for specific information.
- The online application to the Geography MS includes a "supplemental application" in which applicants are asked to identify primary sub-area specialization (Earth Systems Geography, Human Geography, People/Environment Geography). Applicants may also identify faculty with whom they wish to work, as well as three areas of (topical and/or geographic) interest.
- Submit the online Graduate School Application for Admission (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/) and pay the application fee.