Exploring the field of geographic information science at UW–Madison is easy. Interested students are strongly encouraged to take introductory courses in the field. The Department of Geography offers four introductory courses in geographic information science:

- GEOG 170 Our Digital Globe: An Overview of GIScience and its Technology (online);
- GEOG 370 Introduction to Cartography;
- GEOG/ENVIR ST/F&W ECOL/G LE/GEOSCI/LAND ARC 371 Introduction to Environmental Remote Sensing; and
- GEOG/CIV ENGR/ENVIR ST 377 An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Students who intend to declare their major as cartography and GIS need to schedule an appointment with the geography undergraduate advisor.