MA in Environmental and Urban Geography

Admission Requirements
Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

• **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions.
• **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.
• **Tests Required** GRE General.
• **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  • TOEFL 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Internet-based); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (New Paper-Based—after August 2018); 550 (Institutional Testing Paper-Based—prior to August 2018), OR,
  • IELTS 6.5, with subscores of 6.0 for all four subscores, OR,
  • PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
• **Letters of Recommendation** Three required.
• **Personal Statement** Required.

Degree Requirements
In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

• **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 32.
• **Course Work** At least 9 hours must be in 500-level geography courses (excluding GEOG 592 and GEOG 595). For students with an undergraduate geography major, at least 6 hours must be in cognate courses recognized by the student’s faculty advisor as supporting the student’s program of study.
  • **Required Courses**: GEOG 595. Nonthesis students must take 8 semester hours in geographic information systems or cartography and remote sensing.
  • **Electives**: Nonthesis students must take five courses, including at least two 500-level seminars, to define a program major in either environmental or urban geography, and one geography course outside their major area. No more than 8 hours may be taken in other disciplines by nonthesis students; outside courses must support the student’s major.
• **Comprehensive Examination** Required only for students who do not complete a thesis; written.
• **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Thesis or course work only. No other options available.
  • **Thesis**: Thesis students must earn at least 9 hours in GEOG 596 and GEOG 598, of which at least 6 hours must be in GEOG 598; no more than 9 hours of GEOG 598 can be applied to the degree.