

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.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (iBT Test); 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (revised Paper-Delivered Test), **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. Non-thesis students must take 8 semester hours in geographic information systems or cartography and remote sensing.
 - *Electives:* Non-thesis 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.