

GEOGRAPHY (MA)

The MA Program in Geography gives students an appreciation of where they stand in the world, as well as the geospatial skills to compete successfully in the job market.

Description

The goals of the MA Program in Geography are to broaden and deepen students' understanding of the spatial and environmental dimensions of the world we inhabit. Often students enter the program with an undergraduate degree in Geography, but the program is flexible enough to serve students from a diversity of educational backgrounds.

Program specialties include GIS and geovisualization, Human-Environment Relations, Cultural and Historical Geography, as well as Urban and Political Geography. The Geography program also resides within the School of Global Integrative Studies, alongside Anthropology and Global Studies, and so interdisciplinary work is welcomed and encouraged. There are two options for the degree: Option A, the thesis option, which combines original research with 30 hours of coursework; and Option B, the non-thesis option, which involves 30 hours of coursework and a minor area of emphasis in another field. Typically, a student will complete the degree in two years.

Teaching assistantships, paying \$15,000 for the academic year and also giving tuition remission, are available on a competitive basis. Students can expect to receive close attention from the faculty, who are dedicated to advancing their educational and occupational goals.

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://sgis.unl.edu/graduate> (<https://sgis.unl.edu/graduate/>)

Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.

If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- GRE (optional)
- Resume/CV (optional)
- Personal Statement: Describe your educational and career goals.
- Faculty: Before you apply, we encourage you to contact a prospective advisor with whom you would like to work. Prospective advisors may be unable to work with you owing to other commitments.
- Research Interest
- Three recommendation letters: At least two should come from professors or instructors who can speak to your academic abilities.

Admission Application Deadlines

Apply by January 1 for priority and funding consideration. Later applications received between then and March 15 will be reviewed as space and funding permits.

Requirements

Hours required: 30

Options for the Master's Degree (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/policies/academic-program-requirements/#masters>)