GEOGRAPHY, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in Geography

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  concentrations:
    Geographic Information Science - Professional Science Master’s (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/geography-ms/geographic-information-science-professional-science-masters/)
    Computational Science & Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/computational-science-engineering/)
Geography, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/geography-phd/)
  concentration:
    Computational Science & Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/engineering/concentration/computational-science-engineering/)

We offer a program leading to the Master of Science degree in geography with the following specializations:

- Geographic Information Science
  Geographic information systems; Dynamic modeling of ecological and social systems; Geocomputation and CyberGIS; Aerial photo analysis;
  Remote sensing; Inter-regional input-output modeling; Regional science; Spatial analysis
- River, Watershed, and Landscape Dynamics
  Fluvial geomorphology; Watershed science and management; Aerial photo analysis; Ecosystem dynamics

Admission

Students applying for admission to the master’s program are expected to have a strong undergraduate background in geography and/or related disciplines. In addition to other Graduate College admission requirements, a grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) in the undergraduate major is required.

GRE scores are no longer required or evaluated for admission to our graduate programs.

Assistantships and Fellowships

Geography graduate students generally receive tuition/fee waivers and monthly stipends from teaching assistantships, research assistantships, or fellowships.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a Graduate College requirement, it is an important part of the graduate experience in this program. We have implemented a professionalization program where graduate students work with faculty members to receive advice and gain first-hand experience in teaching undergraduate courses. Several of our graduate students have also had the opportunity to serve as lead instructor for introductory-level geography courses.

Map and Geography Library

The University Library has a substantial collection of geography books and journals. Most of the new and more recent books are located in the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL) (https://www.library.illinois.edu/sshel/); nearly all geography journals are available full-text through the University Library (https://www.library.illinois.edu/). The Map Library (https://www.library.illinois.edu/max/) holds a collection of over 626,000

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