

CARTOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS: GIS DEVELOPMENT, MS

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Admissions to the Cartography and Geographic Information Systems: GIS Development, MS have been suspended as of summer 2025 and will be discontinued as of fall 2027. If you have questions, please contact the department.

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program’s admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program’s website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	May 1 for international applicants; July 15 for domestic applicants
Spring Deadline	September 1 for international applicants; November 1 for domestic applicants
Summer Deadline	February 1 for international applicants; April 1 for domestic applicants
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/ UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	2

Academic program admission requirements are often more rigorous than those set by the Graduate School. Please check the program’s website

(<https://geography.wisc.edu/gis/online-masters-program-application-information/>) for details on how to apply.

Applicants must have completed the equivalent of two (2) undergraduate-level courses in GIS and/or Cartography and Visualization, and one (1) course in Quantitative Methods. The Program Director, in consultation with the Program Admissions Committee, may deem these requirements satisfied if an applicant provides evidence of sufficient knowledge in these areas gained through work experience.