

CARTOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS: THESIS, MS

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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	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	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	3

BREADTH REQUIREMENTS

This program requires students to have taken coursework in several areas of Cartography to show breadth of knowledge in the field. Most admitted applicants have completed the coursework for the breadth requirements prior to entering the program. Typically, these courses are not seminars. Applicants must have completed the equivalent of one undergraduate-level course in quantitative methods, two courses in mathematics, and two intermediate or advanced geography courses. Admitted applicants who begin the program lacking one or more of the breadth courses are expected to complete such coursework during the master's program. One course taken for breadth can also be used to fulfill degree requirements.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

If your primary sub-area specialization is Earth Systems Geography, Human Geography or People/Environment Geography, you will need to apply to the Geography MS.

Refer to the following links:

- Consult the Graduate School Admissions website (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) for information about applying to the UW-Madison Graduate School, including general admissions requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).
- Consult the Geography Department website (<https://geography.wisc.edu/research-graduate-programs/prospective-graduate-students/>) for additional information about the program and the application process.

Materials

Upload the following to the online application:

- Three letters of recommendation (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#FAQ>). Once you have entered the recommenders information in the application, each recommender will receive an electronic invitation to submit a letter through the application system. Be sure to contact each recommender ahead of time to let them know that they will be receiving a request for a letter of recommendation from the application system.
- Statement of purpose. For more information, check out our guidelines for writing a statement of purpose on our prospective student site (<https://geography.wisc.edu/research-graduate-programs/prospective-graduate-students/#admissions-and-application-information>).
- CV
- Unofficial transcripts
- International degree-seeking applicants will need to demonstrate English proficiency. See the Graduate School requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) for specific information.
- The online application to the Cartography/GIS MS-Thesis program includes a "supplemental application" in which you are asked to identify faculty with whom you wish to work.
- Submit the online Graduate School Application for Admission (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) and pay the application fee.