Geographic Information Science Certificate

Department of Geography, College of Arts & Sciences

Vision Statement
The mission of the geography graduate program is to provide quality graduate education in physical geography, human geography and spatial analysis (GIS, cartography and remote sensing). The department offers a rich learning environment for students with close interaction between faculty and students, technology-enhanced instruction, and opportunities for fieldwork. Courses enhance student’s perception and appreciation of the earth’s human and physical environments as well as geography’s essential role in both understanding and navigating our increasingly interconnected world. The department, an active participant in its community, has ties throughout the city and state, leading to a wide variety of internship opportunities. The department is committed to providing students with the essential knowledge and skills needed to succeed, be it in professional employment or further graduate education.

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Admissions

Application Deadlines
- Fall: July 1
- Spring: December 1
- Summer: May 1

Program-Specific Requirements
- Applicants for whom English is not the native language must have a minimum TOEFL score of 550; 213 if computer based; 80 internet-based, 53 if Pearson Test of English (PTE), or 6.5 if IELTS.
- Only required if not admitted to MA in Geography program
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Resume

Prerequisites would include courses in human and physical geography, statistics, and programming such as the following:

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Degree Requirements

Required Courses
- GEOG 8535 CARTOGRAPHY & GIS 2
- GEOG 8545 CARTOGRAPHY & GIS LAB 2
- GEOG 8056 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS I 4
- GEOG 8666 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS II 4

Elective Courses
Select 6 hours from the following:
- GEOG 8016 CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- GEOG 8036 COMPUTER MAPPING AND VISUALIZATION
- GEOG 8636 ENVIRONMENTAL REMOTE SENSING
- GEOG 8650 LAND USE
- GEOG 8800 INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL/REGIONAL PLANNING

Total Credits 18

Students may substitute advanced courses in GIS for required courses already taken. Students will be allowed a maximum of two substitutions for these required courses. Substitution must be approved by the department GIS advisor.