MA in Geography

Application and Admission Information

Admission Contact Information
Dr. Soren Larsen
Geography admission page: https://geography.missouri.edu/grad/graduate-studies

Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: January 15

- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT)
    - 61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT)
    - 500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550
- Minimum GRE scores:
  - When did you take the GRE?
    - Prior to August 1, 2011
      - Verbal + Quantitative: 1000
    - On or After August 1, 2011
      - Verbal + Quantitative: 297

Preparation for graduate work in geography should include undergraduate courses in geography. Upon consultation with their advisor, students with insufficient background work in geography may be required to take additional undergraduate courses.

Required Application Materials
All elements of the application including those required by the department are submitted through the Graduate School online application. For complete instructions, see https://geography.missouri.edu/grad/graduate-studies.

To the Office of Graduate Studies:
- All required Graduate Admissions documents
- 3 letters of recommendation (submitted through the online application) GRE scores
- Supplemental department application (with Statement of Purpose)

Plan of Study MA in Geography
The Master of Arts degree requires completion of 32 semester hours of course work. Two research options are available: a thesis and a non-thesis option. The non-thesis option requires the completion of a research paper. 15 or more of the 32 hours must be in courses at the 8000 level. Non-thesis candidates may take no more than 6 hours of special problems, special readings, special investigations, or research.

Every student must take GEOG 8750 and GEOG 8760, 6 additional hours of seminar-structured course work and 6 hours of course work in geographic methods.

A student’s specific program of courses is selected jointly by the student and the graduate advisor, designated during the first semester in residence. All students of either option must pass a comprehensive oral examination at the end of their graduate work.