MS in Geology

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The master's degree program includes a thesis and a non-thesis option, both of which require 30 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. The thesis option is accomplished by taking 18 to 21 graduate course credits and preparing a written thesis involving 9-12 credits of research or problems credits. Students have until the middle of their second semester in residence at the university to choose a supervisor and a thesis topic. The non-thesis track requires 27 hours of graduate course credits plus 3 hours of research credit leading to completion of a smaller-scope research project.

Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: none set, but January 31st for guaranteed consideration for departmental financial aid

- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT) 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT) 530

- Minimum Academic IELTS scores:
  - OVERALL 5.5

Note on GRE Scores and GPA: Our quantitative assessment of applicants uses a combination of GPA for the last 60 hours and the student's GRE verbal, quantitative and analytical writing scores. We have a formula that weights the GPA and total GRE scores equally. Applicants with a GPA less than 3.0 may be considered, but their acceptance would require very strong GRE scores or exceptional circumstances.

Required Application Materials

To the Office of Graduate Studies:

- All required Graduate Admissions documents. We require applicants to submit applications through our online system.

To the Geological Sciences Program:

- 3 letters of recommendation (submitted through the Graduate School's online application system)
- Personal statement (uploaded into Graduate School application online)
- GRE scores

Financial Aid from the Program

Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.