

Program Admission Requirements for the Online M.S. in Geographic Information Science

Applicants seeking admission to the M.S. in Geographic Information Science program must meet the following requirements:

1. Compliance with all of the eligibility requirements of the Graduate School as set forth in the Graduate catalog.
2. Acceptance to graduate study by the Dean of the Graduate School.
3. Completion of a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with an undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.
4. Minimum verbal plus quantitative GRE score of 286. Students not meeting this score must maintain a 3.00 average for the first nine hours of graduate credit before admission to candidacy. GRE scores must be on file in the Graduate Office before a student's application for admission will be evaluated. The GRE will be waived for applicants with a graduate degree (Master's or higher) from an accredited institution or who have earned the graduate certificate in Geographic Information Science from Northwest Missouri State University.
5. Submission of transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
6. Two references on the student's ability to do graduate work, submitted with the student's application for admission to the Graduate School. The references are to be submitted using the GIScience program's reference form.
7. A two-page essay describing the applicant's career goals and how the GIScience program will help the applicant meet these goals. Applicants are to submit the essay as part of the application for admission to the Graduate School. The essay will serve as the writing sample required by the Graduate catalog. An unacceptable ability to write will necessitate some remedial work and a subsequent writing sample on a topic to be provided by the GIScience program.

The GIScience program reserves the right for final decision in accepting students to graduate degree candidacy in the department. Criteria for admittance to the program and acceptance to degree candidacy may include academic qualifications and performance, letters of recommendation, number of applicants, and available resources.

Program Admission Requirements for the Certificate in Geographic Information Science

Applicants seeking admission to the Certificate in Geographic Information Science program must meet the following requirements:

1. Compliance with all of the eligibility requirements of the Graduate School as set forth in this catalog.
2. Acceptance to graduate study by the Dean of the Graduate School.

3. Completion of a four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with an undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.
4. Submission of transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
5. Two references on the student's ability to do graduate work, submitted with the student's application for admission to the Graduate School. The references are to be submitted using the GIScience program's reference form.
6. A two-page essay describing the applicant's career goals and how the GIScience program will help the applicant meet these goals. Applicants are to submit the essay as part of the application for admission to the Graduate School.