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 Associate Provost of Graduate Studies and Special Programs.
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, for applicants who have earned the graduate certificate in Geographic Information Science from Northwest Missouri State University, and for those with one year of documented full-time GIS professional work experience or three years of documented full-time professional work experience in any field. Applicants seeking the GRE waiver based on professional work experience must submit a resume documenting their work experience.
5. Submission of official transcripts for the baccalaureate degree and any previous graduate work.
6. Applicants must have an acceptable ability to write in English. If a student’s writing ability is determined to be inadequate, remedial work will be required.

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, 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 Associate Provost of Graduate Studies and Special Programs.
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 official transcripts for the baccalaureate degree and any previous graduate work.