

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SCIENCES (ONLINE) (Z134)

Graduate Certificate Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Sciences has a 12-credit, 4-course curriculum that provides specialized training in GIS and in the application of geospatial technologies, specifically geographic information systems, remote sensing, spatial analysis and modeling.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This program does not offer funding at this time. Please refer to the Graduate School Assistantship Information (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/assistantship-information/>) for educational, professional and financial opportunities.

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Courses: GEOG (<https://geospatial.umd.edu/education/master-science-geospatial-information-sciences/#tab-1>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (2)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationgis%20%282%29.pdf>)

***Visa Eligibility:** This program is not eligible for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance by the University of Maryland.

The Graduate School requires all admitted graduate students to have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, or the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree in another country. A GPA of 3.0 is normally required for admission into this program. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.0 may be admitted on a provisional basis.

Applicants with foreign credentials must submit academic records in the original language with literal English translations.

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	July 1, 2026 (final)	January 21, 2026 (final)	N/A
	May 4, 2026 (priority for no GIS background)	November 12, 2025 (priority for no GIS background)	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas: A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	July 1, 2026 (final)	January 21, 2026 (final)	N/A
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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at <https://geospatial.umd.edu/education/master-science-geospatial-information-sciences> (<https://geospatial.umd.edu/education/master-science-geospatial-information-sciences/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Geospatial Information Sciences, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/geospatial-information-sciences-z134-online/geospatial-information-sciences-pbc/>)