

# GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE (ONLINE) (Z135)

Graduate Certificate Program  
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

## ABSTRACT

The Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence (GC GEOINT) program provides workforce-focused technical training that gives graduates the skills and expertise to lead new initiatives in the rapidly shifting landscape of GEOINT applications, data collection systems, analytic methods, and mission support.

The GC GEOINT program will provide state-of-the-art training in the geospatial technologies (e.g., web mapping, mobile applications, geospatial programming), geographical knowledge (e.g., geostatistics, geospatial networks, spatial reasoning), and scientific methods to address issues of public administration and policy analysis; public safety; criminology; military intelligence; emergency response and preparedness; project and workflow management; environmental applications; urban studies and regional sciences; and transportation geography. Students are provided with knowledge and practical skills in geographic information science & technology (GIS&T), remote sensing, mapping and geo-visualization, computer programming to tackle geospatial intelligence problems such as pattern recognition and feature extraction, big geospatial computing, developing source-to-screen workflows, and communicating uncertainty to decision-makers. These skills range from project design, data collection and interoperability, software development, algorithm implementation, data-mining, analytic processing and management, visualizing results and reporting. Technical skills are closely intertwined with substantive topics in a range of applied geospatial intelligence contexts, from defense and homeland security to humanitarian response and emergency management.

The GC GEOINT program encompasses a 12-credit (4 units of 3-credit courses) course structure comprised of two core courses and two elective courses that can be taken on a flexible schedule.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Teaching Assistantships are offered depending on availability and students' qualifications.

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**Relationships:** Geographical Sciences (GEOG) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/geographical->

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## 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

- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationgeinz109ginoz135.pdf>)

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

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

| Type of Applicant   | Fall Deadline  | Spring Deadline          | Summer Deadline |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Domestic Applicants</b>  |  |                          |                 |
| US Citizens and Permanent Residents   | July 1, 2026 (final)                                   | January 21, 2026 (final) | N/A             |
|   | <b>May 4, 2026</b><br>(priority for no GIS background) |                          | N/A             |
| <b>International Applicants</b>   |  |                          |                 |
| 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             |
|   | <b>May 4, 2026</b><br>(priority for no GIS background) |                          | N/A             |

**Other Deadlines:** Please visit the program website at <https://geospatial.umd.edu/education/master-science-geospatial-intelligence> (<https://geospatial.umd.edu/education/master-science-geospatial-intelligence/>)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Geospatial Intelligence, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/geospatial-intelligence-z135-online/geospatial-intelligence-pbc/>)