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Applying at a Glance

Requirements

Statement of Research Interests
Outline how your interests fit with the expertise of faculty you have identified as potential thesis advisors.

GRE Test and TOEFL
Preferred minimum combined score of 300. San Diego State’s institution code is 4682. TOEFL required for international students whose native tongue is not English.

Three Letters of Recommendation
From faculty or employers who know and can comment on your abilities.

Official Transcripts
Transcripts from all universities attended. Official transcripts are sent directly to the University.

For more information about the application process, please visit the department’s webpage: http://geography.sdsu.edu/programs/masters/apply

Financial Assistance

Students may apply for a Graduate Assistant or Research Associate Position through a separate, supplemental application. This assistantship lasts through the academic year.

There are also numerous scholarship opportunities available. These include the Alvena Storm Memorial Scholarship, the McFarland Scholarship, the William and Vivian Finch Scholarship, and the Ned H. Greenwood Award Scholarship.

For more information about financial assistance, visit the Financial Aid Website: http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/financialaid
Students can choose from three different degrees, a Master of Arts, a Master of Science in GIScience or a Master of Science in Watershed Science.

**Our Master of Arts** program focus on a range of topics within human, environmental, and physical geography.

Located next to the U.S./Mexico border, many of our students examine issues pertaining to immigration, environmental management, and poverty in the border region; others have explored important social and environmental issues in the United States and abroad, including in Ghana, Ecuador, Nepal, Samoa, South Africa, and China.

The Emphasis in Geographic Information Science program is designed for students who are interested in developing advanced skills in either developing or applying GIScience techniques. Spatial analysis plays an increasingly important role in today’s society. From assessing the vulnerability of water resources, to predicting urban growth patterns and even selecting sites for movie shoot locations on city streets, geographic analysis can provide much needed information.

**Watershed science** is the study of how ecosystems, landforms and soils, climate, water, and human activities interact within a spatial context. Although the boundaries of watersheds are defined by the movement of water, watershed science involves the study of a wide range of human and natural processes, their interactions, and the implications of this complex interplay for environmental assessment and management. Students in this program will develop expertise in integrating environmental science (geology, biology, hydrology, physics, physical geography, chemistry) within a spatial context to address environmental issues. Students will take graduate courses in core sciences, spatial techniques and environmental management and develop a thesis directed at a particular application on watershed science.