



SAN FRANCISCO
STATE UNIVERSITY

Geography M.A.

Department of Geography & Environment
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<http://geog.sfsu.edu>

The Geography & Environment Department offers a flexible program with opportunities to work with local agencies and non-profits.

SFSU is a statewide leader in applied Geography and GIS education. SFSU faculty are devoted to teaching and mentoring, and are actively involved in community-based research and applications, including bay and watershed protection, park management, endangered species issues, and sustainable development.

The program attracts students from a wide range of academic and cultural backgrounds, and produces highly qualified graduates who are ready for careers in physical geography, human geography, geographic information science (cartography, geographic information systems, remote sensing), for doctoral work in Geography, and for careers in community college teaching.

Applied Experience: Seminar Projects, collaborative field work with faculty mentors, and internship opportunities with local organizations and firms afford opportunities for professional growth and help students establish professional networks.



The MA programs in Geography meets the academic needs of individuals seeking careers in environmental management and policy, urban and regional planning, Geographic Information Science (GIS/remote sensing) or as academics at the community college level, as well as students who wish to pursue doctoral studies elsewhere.



Curriculum

M.A. Geography



Geography M.A. (minimum 30 units) Program (12-13 units)

Geog 705	Geographical Analysis <i>or</i>	3
Geog 701	Field Methods in Human Geography <i>or</i>	4
Geog 702	Field Methods in Physical Geography	4
Geog 801	Scope and Method in Geography	3
Geog 810	Seminar in Physical Geography	3
Geog 820	Seminar in Human and Social Geography	3

Graduate Seminars in Geography (6-12 units)

Geog 815	Seminar in GIScience	3
Geog 832	Seminar in Urban Geography	3
Geog 858	Seminar in Environmental and Land Use Planning	3

Courses in Geography or Related Fields (3-9 units) One of the Following:

Geog 895	Research Project & Oral Exam	3
	<i>or</i>	
Geog 898	Master's Thesis	3

Admission to the Program:

Students with an undergraduate major in Geography and a minimum GPA of 3.25 can be admitted to classified status. Applicants with a GPA of 3.25 or better in a major other than geography may qualify for admission as conditionally classified graduate students.

Entering students without previous work in geography are required to take prerequisite courses in physical and human geography, as well as geographic techniques, plus two upper-division courses selected on advisement.

Classified status is awarded upon completion of prerequisite courses with grades of B or better in each. Units earned for prerequisite course work are not applied toward the M.A.

After submitting the application for post-baccalaureate study and necessary transcripts to the University Graduate Admissions Office:

1. Submit a statement of purpose, two letters of recommendation, GRE scores, and unofficial transcripts directly to the department.
2. Foreign students from non-English speaking countries must submit a TOEFL score of at least 550 to the Graduate Admissions Office.
3. Schedule personal interviews with a graduate advisor and appropriate faculty, if possible.

Applicants must also meet all SFSU admission requirements to be accepted to the M.A. programs in geography. Applications to the University are available through the Graduate Admissions Office, 415/338-2234 or www.sfsu.edu/~gadmit.

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