

# 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
Domestic Applicants	May 1, 2025 (priority for no GIS background)	November 14, 2024 (priority for no GIS background)
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	July 2, 2025 (final)	January 23, 2025 (final)
International Applicants	May 1, 2025 (priority for no GIS background)	November 14, 2024 (priority for no GIS background)
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas: A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 14, 2025 (final)	N/A

**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/>)