



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

Master of Arts in Geography

The Department of Geography invites applications for its **Master of Arts** degree program. Review of applications for fall admission begins **April 1** for priority consideration, and will continue until the University's June 1 deadline. Spring admission applications are accepted until November 1.

Geography at the Beach supports a breadth of research interests, including environmental and physical geography, geospatial science, human and cultural geography, social justice and urban studies.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GEOGRAPHY MA PROGRAM

1. A bachelor's degree in Geography or a related discipline with 24 units of upper-division courses in Geography and/or approved courses in related disciplines.
2. Completion of Geography 200 or an introductory statistics class that is substantially equivalent.
3. An undergraduate upper-division grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better in Geography or a related discipline, or alternate evidence of ability to do graduate work in Geography.
4. Any further prerequisites as determined in advance by the Geography Graduate Advisor, in consultation with the Department Graduate Committee.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit an online application directly to the University at <https://www.csulb.edu/apply>

Include the following as part of your application:

1. A statement of purpose (approx. 2 pages), in which you address: your professional or personal goals in seeking a graduate degree; your proposed geography research project or interests; how your research interests relate to our core strengths and faculty expertise; and any special skills you have which you hope to build on in graduate studies.
2. A paper, report, or mapping project that you feel best showcases your research abilities and writing skills.
3. Names and contact information for a minimum of two referees, **at least** one of these should be familiar with your academic ability and potential. Referees will receive a link requesting they submit a confidential letter of reference.

You must also request a set of official transcripts covering your bachelor's degree (unless you are a CSULB alum) sent to CSULB Admissions.

Note: *International applicants should also consult with the [Center for Professional and International Education](#) before applying*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the MA Graduate Advisor, Dr. Gary Hytrek, at CLA-Geo-Grad-Advisor@csulb.edu

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