

# GEOGRAPHY - M.A.

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## Description

The Master of Arts degree in Geography prepares graduate students for careers in both the academic field and non-academic jobs in various private and governmental agencies, in areas such as urban/economic geography, social geography, physical/environmental geography, and geographic information technology. Students learn geographic thought, research techniques and topical specialties while preparing to conduct original research.

### Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Résumé
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
GEOG 60199	THESIS I <sup>1</sup>	6
GEOG 60800	SEMINAR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC THOUGHT	3

GEOG 69701	RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC DATA	3
Major Electives, choose from the following: <sup>2</sup>		6
GEOG 54070	SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND LOCATION THEORY	
GEOG 59070	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
GEOG 59076	SPATIAL PROGRAMMING	
GEOG 59080	ADVANCED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
GEOG 59230	REMOTE SENSING	
GEOG 69004	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY	
Additional Program Requirements <sup>3</sup>		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

- <sup>1</sup> Students may elect to write a thesis or two research papers.
- <sup>2</sup> Students who earned their bachelor's degree at Kent State University and have completed the undergraduate equivalents of any techniques courses required in the master's degree can count them toward the techniques courses requirement. Courses taken at the undergraduate level will not count toward the minimum total credit hour requirement for the master's degree; however, the additional techniques courses will not be required.
- <sup>3</sup> Maximum 3 credit hours of research (GEOG 60996 or GEOG 60998) may count towards the M.A. degree requirements.