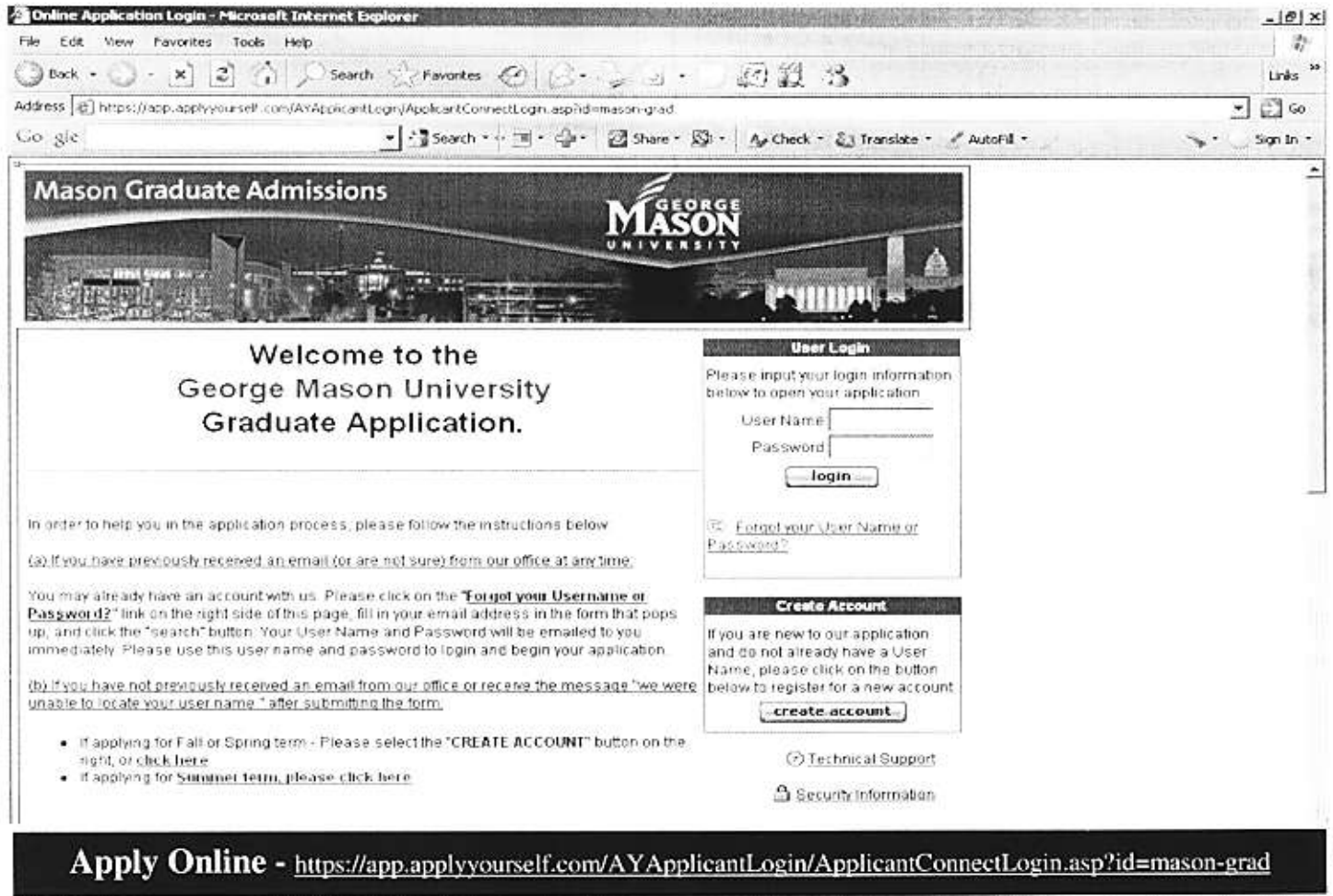


Admissions Information for GISESP Program Dual Degree Program

All applicants should apply online. The graduate application is self managed in that you submit your application online and then submit your supplemental materials (transcripts, degree certificate etc.) to the address below. Please make sure to mail all supplemental materials in a single envelope.



Apply Online - <https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=mason-grad>

If you do not wish to submit your letters of recommendation via the online application system you may have your recommenders to complete the attach form (<http://admissions.gmu.edu/documents/graduate/recommendationForm.pdf>)

College of Science
Graduate Admissions
4400 University Drive - MS 6A3
Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact:

703-993-9532 (Office); 703-993-9034 (Fax) - cosgrad@gmu.edu

Requirements Database generally are one month prior to published deadlines for domestic applicants.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MASON AND WASHINGTON, DC

RESEARCH AT MASON

FINANCING GRADUATE EDUCATION

"The interdisciplinary approach to health and security in Mason's Biodefense program gives students the tools to succeed in preparing to deal with any form of global health issue."

Matthew Jaquith
MS, Biodefense, May 2009

Geographic & Cartographic Science -

Unit	College of Science
Degree	MS
Major Code	GECA
Major Description	Geographic & Cartographic Science
Concentration Code	
Concentration Description	
Phone Number	703.993.3430
Website	http://cos.gmu.edu/
Comments	Students without a prior degree in geography may be required to take courses in physical and human geography, and cartography. Prerequisite: a course in statistics.
Spring App Deadline	11/1
Fall App Deadline	4/15
Admission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$65 App Fee College Transcript 1 Expanded Goals Statement GRE Scores Letter of Recommendation 1 Letter of Recommendation 2 Letter of Recommendation 3 Resume



Information here - under comments (including website <http://people.unica.it/gisesp/>) Dual Degree Program - MS in GECA Geographic Information Science for Environmental and Spatial Planning (GISESP) is a transatlantic consortium of three academic institutions:

George Mason University
University of Cagliari, Italy (UniCA)
University of London, UK (BBK-UL)

Indicate in Goal Statement if you would like to be considered for this program

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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

Mason students participate in rigorous graduate coursework as part of their university educational experience. Therefore, students at Mason must have a full command of academic English at the graduate level in order to be successful throughout their studies. All new graduate students are expected to accurately comprehend written graduate-level English, clearly understand rapidly spoken English in classroom lectures and in professional settings, write with the proper grammar and syntax, and be able to respond quickly in English using a vocabulary appropriate for collegiate settings.

For this reason, Mason has a high standard of English proficiency for graduate admission. Mason strictly requires all students who have not earned a bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited university in the United States, Canada (excluding province of Quebec), United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand to take an English proficiency examination to demonstrate academic command of the English language. All applicants must achieve a minimum score set by Mason in order to be considered for admission.* These examinations measure reading, comprehension, writing, and speaking in a way that will allow admissions committees to measure an applicant's graduate-level English proficiency fairly and consistently. This requirement will not be waived for individuals regardless of country of citizenship, the length of time they may have lived in the United States, study of English in another country, or the amount of coursework taken at English language learning organizations.

Decisions regarding English proficiency are the sole discretion of Mason Admissions offices.

Listed below are the English proficiency examinations that Mason accepts and the corresponding minimum score requirements and submission procedures:

TOEFL

IBT 88 points total AND a minimum of 20 points in each section
CBT 230 points
PBT 570 points

IELTS - Academic

6.5 total band score

Pearson Test of English

59 total score

All English proficiency scores are valid for two years from the test date. Official test scores must be provided directly from the testing agency. In general, you may use the institution code 5827 to send your scores to Mason. For IELTS, please make sure you have scores sent to the Mason Office of Graduate Admissions. It is not necessary to use the exact department code as test scores arrive to our institution electronically.

*Individual programs reserve the right to set higher minimum scores.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION TO MASON GRADUATE PROGRAMS

This is a guide to help applicants who submit international transcripts to determine what needs to be submitted with the graduate application. **Please Note:** Mason reserves the right to withhold making a decision on your application until all requested documents have been received.

George Mason University requires graduate applicants to hold a credential that we evaluate to be comparable to a four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or college in the United States. Comparability is determined by a review of the type and name of your degree program, the rigor and content of your curriculum and other factors as required by your Mason graduate program or department.

Credentials We Require

All applicants must submit a complete credential package by the appropriate deadline. Failure to do so may result in a late review of your application or denial of admission due to insufficient academic credentials. Complete credentials include course transcripts or marks statements for each semester or year completed in your degree program, and the degree certificate or diploma if a graduation date, with the name of the degree, is not shown on the transcript.

Transcripts and Certificates/Diplomas (Academic Records) **

- You should follow your home university's policies for transcript requests. Universities may charge a small fee for this service.
- Academic records should give detailed information on all courses/final examinations completed, credit value or hours per course and grades received.
- If degree conferral (date, type of degree and major) is not listed on your transcript, you must also provide an official copy of your diploma or degree certificate.
- All documents must be issued by the degree-granting university.
- If you have not graduated: you must submit all transcripts or semester marks statements for all semesters/years completed to-date. If you are admitted to Mason, you must provide final university transcripts or marks statements and the university degree certificate or diploma as soon as they are available.

How To Submit Your Academic Records

Official Documents

- Official documents are issued by the degree-granting institution and bear the official seals and signatures of the Registrar, Controller of Examinations or other institutional authority. Official documents may be printed on original security paper or be stamped, signed or attested photocopies. Mason understands that, in some rare cases, universities issue only one set of originals, so copies are permitted as long as the attestations are original.
- Official documents should be sent to Mason directly from your institution, mailed in sealed envelopes bearing the institution's name and address. Please contact your Mason admissions office for the correct delivery address.
- We will accept documents in your possession as long as they meet our requirements (see above) and are delivered to Mason in their original sealed, unopened envelopes. We cannot accept documents that have been opened or that have been viewed by anyone else (including you).
- If you have in your possession your original documents (issued to you upon graduation) you may have them copied and verified or attested by your Embassy or Consulate (please note that not all Consulates provide this service) or by an office of EducationUSA, Fulbright, Amideast, the British Council, or other organization recognized by higher education that can perform this service. There may be a fee. We will accept these verified documents as long as they are submitted in sealed, unopened envelopes bearing the name and address of the verifying organization. Simply getting documents notarized is NOT acceptable.
- You may also bring your original documents to Mason. We will copy and attest them and return the originals to you.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPT EVALUATIONS

George Mason University requires all applicants who have completed degrees outside the United States to submit their transcripts for evaluation before they may be considered for admission to a graduate degree program. You may contract with an approved credential evaluation agency for this service or choose to have your credentials evaluated by Mason. If you choose an outside agency, please visit National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (www.naces.org/membership.htm) or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers – AACRO (www.oies.aacrao.org) to locate a credential evaluator of your choice. Please note that all credential evaluators charge a fee for their services, and payment is your responsibility. However, they will send an official, sealed evaluation to Mason as part of the service if you request it. You should contact your Graduate Admissions office for the correct mailing address. Evaluators have their own transcript submission procedures and requirements. Please take note of the following:

- George Mason University will accept ONLY original evaluations send directly to Mason or in sealed, unopened envelopes from you.
- We cannot accept an evaluation prepared by an unauthorized evaluator. Please choose using the websites listed above.
- You still need to submit a full set of official documents to Mason according to the procedures outlined above. This is in addition to any documents you may send to the evaluation agency.
- World Education Services (WES) sends completed evaluations to designated universities via electronic submission. Mason accepts these evaluations. The WES e-evaluation usually includes electronic versions of transcripts or other academic records. We MAY accept these documents if WES deems them 'official'. In this instance, we will not require you to submit an additional set of official documents.

Please note that ALL evaluations are subject to Mason review to ensure that they are in agreement with George Mason University degree requirements. George Mason University is not required to accept an evaluation that does not meet these requirements.

You may choose to have your credentials evaluated at Mason. This is a free service that is provided to the department to which you have applied. You should submit all required documents at least four to six weeks before the stated deadline to ensure a timely evaluation of your application. In order to receive this service, you must submit a full set of official documents as described above. Failure to do so will delay the processing of your file and your evaluation. All evaluations prepared by the Mason International Credential Evaluators are property of George Mason University and are not available to view and/or be copied for students. These evaluations are prepared for the graduate units at Mason and are the sole property of George Mason University.

Additionally, all academic documents and international evaluations (regardless of original source) are the property of George Mason University. If you wish to have a copy of an evaluation for your records, you should contract with an outside agency.