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## Admissions

For the master's degree programs, the department does not require an applicant to have an undergraduate major in geography; rather, it requires evidence of general intellectual ability and a compelling interest in geography. For the Doctor of Philosophy program, a master's degree in geography is normally required. Applicants for all degree programs must submit a brief statement of career goals and probable field(s) of study; at least two letters of recommendation from individuals who have personal knowledge of the applicant's academic experience and abilities; transcripts of all previous academic work; GRE results; and a Graduate Application Summary form, available from the department. Applicants whose native language is not English are also required to submit a satisfactory score on the TOEFL, the IELTS International Academic Course Type 2 exam, or the PTE Academic English proficiency tests. Information on scores is available through the Graduate School Admissions page ([https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/graduate\\_school/apply/international\\_applicants/](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/apply/international_applicants/)). The Graduate School does not require TOEFL scores for students who have completed or working on an undergraduate or graduate-level degree from a U.S. university; however, the department prefers to see scores if they are available. . Students are encouraged to enter the program at the beginning of the fall. Applicants requesting financial aid beginning in the fall semester must submit completed applications by January 15; Spring admissions are considered under exceptional circumstances no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. Details concerning admission can be obtained from the department's graduate director or electronically by accessing the department's Web page at [https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/artsandsciences/geography/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/geography/index.php) ([https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/artsandsciences/geography/](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/geography/)) .