Geographic Information Science

To apply to the online Master of Geographic Information Science (MGISc) program or one of our postbaccalaureate certificates, follow the steps below. All application materials can be sent to gradapps@kent.edu.

Required Application Materials

The following application documents may be submitted incrementally and will be digitally filed in your centralized portfolio.

- **Application Form:** Complete the [online application](#). Check the status of your application [here](#).

- **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:** These letters must be from professors and/or employers who are familiar with your work. To complete the letters of recommendation:
  1. Enter your recommenders’ contact information on the online application form
  2. Download the [letter of recommendation form](#)
  3. Complete your portion of the recommendation form
  4. Email or send the completed form to your recommender

Once you complete and send the form, your recommenders will receive an email with instructions on how to submit their recommendation.

- **Application Fee:** This fee may be paid online at the end of the application form.
  - Master's Application Fee: $45
  - Certificate Application Fee: $15

- **Official Transcripts:** Submit your official undergraduate transcripts, plus any graduate coursework or degree(s) you may have earned. Send your transcripts via postal mail to the address below:
  
  Kent State University  
  Division of Graduate Studies  
  Cartwright Hall  
  650 Hilltop Drive  
  Kent, OH 44242

- **GPA Requirement:** 3.0+ cumulative undergraduate GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for Unconditional Admittance or 2.75-3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA for Conditional Admittance. Conditional Admittance requirements are to maintain a grade of “B” or better in the first nine credit hours.

- **Goal Statement:** In two pages or less, explain why you wish to join the program and why you chose Kent State University.

- **Resume/CV:** Professional resume listing your education and professional responsibilities.

Twelve credits of the GISc postbaccalaureate certificates can later be applied to the Master of Geographic Information Science program. A petition of transfer credits must be submitted to the Department of Geography after acceptance to the program.