Education in Geography at the graduate level provides an opportunity to broaden one’s intellectual life and to acquire or upgrade knowledge and skills for many careers including teaching, planning, environmental management, and research. The Master of Arts degree program in Geography at CSULB consists of at least 30 units of coursework, including graduate-level seminars and the preparation of an individual thesis study supervised by a faculty committee. Our program spans several subfields of Geography:

- **Human Geography**, including urban form, resilience and sustainability, cultural geography, critical human geography, political, social, and economic geography.
- **Geospatial Technologies and Methods**, including GIS, remote sensing (satellite and UAVs), cartography, geo-visualization, and both quantitative and qualitative methods and field techniques.
- **Environmental and Physical Geography**, studying both physical geographic processes as well as human-environment relationships, including water policy and watershed management, environmental restoration, biogeography, hazards, fire ecology, climate change, sustainability, and the social-cultural-political-economic processes that affect the use and management of environmental resources.

We also offer our MA through a Peace Corps program, the Paul Coverdell Fellowship for returning Peace Corps Volunteers; see our MA webpage for details: [http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/geography/graduate/](http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/geography/graduate/)

**Why Geography at CSULB?**

*Our MA degree allows those with a passion for geography to explore their topics of interest with sophistication and depth.* Because geography is a discipline often discovered later in a student's academic career, our program welcomes students with bachelor's degrees in related disciplines.

*Long Beach is the most frequently requested of the 23 CSU campuses.* CSULB is an attractive campus near the beach in a pleasant, livable community. The campus has been deemed among the best value public colleges in the nation by The Princeton Review, among the top 4 public masters-granting universities in the West by U.S. News and World Report, the 5 safest campuses in the United States by Security Magazine, and the 6 most diverse master's granting campuses in the U.S. ([http://web.csulb.edu/about/recognitions.html](http://web.csulb.edu/about/recognitions.html)).

*We are reasonably priced.* Estimated tuition and fees for the fall 2018 semester are $2,610 for graduate students taking 6 or fewer units and $4,116 for those taking more than 6 units. Limited numbers of fee waivers for out-of-state residents are available on a competitive basis, until state residency can be established (usually one year). For current fee schedule, see: [http://www.csulb.edu/student-records/tuition-and-fees](http://www.csulb.edu/student-records/tuition-and-fees)
Our department can offer you competitive work and funding opportunities. Assistantships are available in our geospatial technology labs and in large classes (grading, teaching laboratory sections), in addition to research-related assistantships with individual faculty. The Department also has a large internship program. Finally, we have annual scholarship awards and a Graduation Research Enhancement Fund to which graduate students can apply for assistance with completing their thesis research.

Our department offers a friendly, cooperative, student-centered, nationally and internationally renowned faculty and a great student body. We will not only strive to challenge you intellectually, we will work hard to help you define and achieve your educational and professional goals in a timely manner. Our active graduate students have a strong community, great grad-run study spaces, and a student club.

Prerequisite 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.

Please see our website for Application Procedures:
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