How to Apply to the UM Department of Geography and Regional Studies

Please apply at www.miami.edu/grad. The Geography Department normally only admits students for the Fall Semester, but exceptions are sometimes made. Please contact the Graduate Program Director (rgrant@miami.edu) if you wish to start in the Spring Semester.

All applicants must supply:

1) Transcripts* of all previously completed undergraduate and graduate work. Photocopies of transcripts are acceptable, but, if you are admitted and decide to attend, official transcripts will be required.

However, all International Applications received by our department are first forwarded to the office of International Admissions for review. International Admissions requires that official transcripts be provided for the review process as well as Certified English Translations (when applicable).

2) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores that are no more than five years old, with a minimum expected score of 1100. The department code for the GRE is 2203.
3) Three letters of recommendation
4) A $50 application fee made payable to the Department of Geography
5) A statement of interest.

International applicants whose native language is not English must also submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with a minimum expected score of 600 (250).

Transcripts, GRE and TOEFL scores, and letters of recommendation can be sent directly to the Department at:

Department of Geography and Regional Studies
Antonio Ferre Building
1000 Memorial Drive, Room 211
PO Box 248067
Coral Gables, FL 33124-2221

Letters of recommendation can be sent electronically. See the instructions at www.miami.edu/grad. We encourage electronic submission.

Note that the application for admission is also an application for funding from the Geography Department. If you desire a Graduate Assistantship, you need to nothing additional. You will be automatically considered for funding.
Who May Apply?

One does not have to have an undergraduate degree in Geography to apply. Many of our students come from other fields. Students from other fields will be required to audit three basic background courses. If you do not have an undergraduate Geography degree please tell us in your statement of interest why you have selected Geography for your graduate work.

When is Your Application Due?

Applications are due by March 15 as the Admissions Committee will meet soon after that date. If you are accepted, you will be required to commit by April 15 as to whether you will attend.

Students who have missed the March 15 date can still apply, however funding after this date is not likely. Contact the Graduate Program Director at rgrant@miami.edu if it is past March 15 for more information.