How to Apply to the Department of Geography & 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 ([moise@miami.edu](mailto:moise@miami.edu)) if you wish to start in the Spring Semester.

All applicants must supply:

1. **Official Transcripts**: All previously completed undergraduate and graduate work.
2. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores**: Students in the program have scored 4 and above on the writing but an **average score of 3.5** is acceptance and **300 and above combined** on the verbal and quantitative sections is ideal. GRE scores need to be no more than five years old.
3. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**: A minimum expected TOEFL score of 600 (250) is expected.
4. A resume with two letters of recommendation
5. An $85 application fee made payable to the Department of Geography
6. A personal statement of interest.

**NOTE:**

GRE and TOEFL scores need to be sent directly to the University of Miami using the GRE code of 5815, so that your official scores are sent directly to us and use TOEFL code: 5815/IELTS code:4862.

Official college transcripts, resume and letters of recommendation can be sent electronically as you submit your application. See the instructions at [www.miami.edu/grad](http://www.miami.edu/grad). We encourage electronic submission.

If for any reason you are unable to submit your documents online, they documents can be sent directly to the Department of Geography & Regional Studies at:

Department of Geography & Regional Studies
1300 Campo Sano Ave,
Coral Gables, FL 33124-2221

**Helpful Links:**

2. **International Students requirements**: [https://grad.miami.edu/graduate-education/international-students/index.html](https://grad.miami.edu/graduate-education/international-students/index.html)
3. **International Graduate Student Cost**: [https://grad-prof.miami.edu/cost/graduate-costs/international-graduate-student-folder/index.html](https://grad-prof.miami.edu/cost/graduate-costs/international-graduate-student-folder/index.html)
4. **Types of Aid**: [https://grad-prof.miami.edu/types-of-aid/index.html](https://grad-prof.miami.edu/types-of-aid/index.html)
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 moise@miami.edu if it is past March 15 for more information.