

GEODESIGN

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

To be admitted to the program, applicants must be able to meet the following requirements:

1. A completed online Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and payment of the application fee.
2. Personal statement of background and interest in the program, including an outline of possible topic for the individual capstone project (maximum 3-pages).
3. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)
4. TOEFL scores (see below)
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation

Scores from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), or from a comparable substitute examination, will be considered, but are not required for admission.

Students with a 3.00 junior/senior average (on a 4.00 scale) will be considered for admission. The best-qualified applicants will be accepted up to the number of spaces available for new students. Exceptions to the minimum 3.00 grade-point average may be made for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.