Department: Geosciences and Environment
Degree Objective: Master of Arts in Geography

What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?

Government Employee (City Planning, Transportation, Parks, etc.), GIS Specialist, Community College Instructor

Will this master’s program prepare me for a Ph.D. program?

Yes

How do I apply to your graduate program?

Through the CSU Mentor Application AND completion of program-specific application, found here: http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/geos/graduates.php

What is the GPA requirement for admissions?

Must have attained a grade point average of at least 2.75 (A=4.0) in the last 60 semester (or 90 quarter) units of undergraduate work attempted, or satisfactory completion of probationary units.

Does your program require the GRE?

No.

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?

A minimum of two.

Whom should I get the recommendation letters from, professors or employers?

At least one should be from a professor, or someone who can judge your academic ability.

Do you have any tips on how to write a personal statement?

You should make sure that you state your purpose in applying for graduate study, any special areas of interest, your plans for future occupation or profession and any additional information that may aid the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and aptitude for graduate study at CSULA.

When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?

Both Fall and Spring.

What are the admission deadlines?

You can find the University and Department Deadlines at this website: www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines
What is the cost to attend graduate school?
You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office

Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?
A few GA and TA positions are offered each semester. Apply directly to the department chair.

Is this degree program co-horted?
No

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enroll in 3 or 6 units per semester?
3 units: 5 years
6 units: 5-6 terms (2 1/2 – 3 years)

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 or 12 units per semester?
2 years (it IS possible to complete the degree in 1 ½ years, but typically not recommended)

Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?
No courses that apply to our graduate program at this time

When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?
Classes are typically offered at night.

Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?
Graduate Advisor: Dr. Kris Bezdecny (kbezdec@calstatela.edu)

Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?
For resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies