Department: Geosciences and Environment

Degree Objective: Master of Science in Geological Sciences

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

Students with this degree often get jobs working for local environmental companies, water quality companies or the metropolitan water district. Entry level jobs involve water sampling and analysis; either in a lab or field station. Mining and oil companies also hire people with an MS in geology to start in entry level positions like mud logging.

Will this master’s program prepare me for a PhD program?

Yes, it will, particularly if you take the master's thesis option that requires writing and defending a thesis.

How do I apply to your graduate program?

You apply through the department, using the department application on the Geosciences and Environment website. You must also go through the CSULA application.

What is the GPA requirements for admissions into the MA degree?

2.75

Does your program require the GRE?

Some faculty do. It is best to consult with your thesis advisor first to ask whether or not it is required.

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?

Two

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

Either one.

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

Mostly keep it short and concise, proof read and double check your grammar and spelling.

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

Both
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?

Yes, we offer both TA and GA positions on a semester by semester basis.

Is this degree program cohorted?

No

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

Both

Whom can I contact in the department if I have additional questions?

Contact Dr. Barry Hibbs for Geology; Hydrogeology and Dr. Jen Garrison for Geology; General Geology

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/graduatesstudies