Dear Prospective Graduate Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Science Masters Degree Program at California State University, Los Angeles. To apply to our program, two separate applications must be completed: 1) the University application [http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/admiss/] to be submitted to the University Admissions Office, and 2) the Environmental Science Masters Degree Program application to be submitted to the Department of Geosciences and Environment.

You are provided with a set of guidelines for preparing this application and a checklist is included to help ensure that your application package is complete.

We accept applications to the Master of Science Degree Program in Environmental Science in Fall every year. We may also accept applications for Winter and Spring. Please check CSU-Mentor for application deadlines. Please note: Application deadlines are subject to change.

Please carefully read all instructions and do not hesitate to contact the office of Department of Geosciences and Environment if you need more information (see website for current contact information). Only completed applications that are submitted by the deadline will be considered!
Checklist for the application for admission to the graduate degree program

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Guidelines for preparing the application package

**University Application**
Refer to the University Application guidelines.

**Program Application**

**Letters of Recommendation**
Three letters of recommendation are required. List the reference on the form and have them directly email their letters to geosapps@calstatela.edu using their official email address. Choose professional individuals (e.g. research supervisor, supervisor in science related employment, professors) who are best suited to comment on your intellectual talents, motivation, interactions with peers, work attitude and performance. Ask these individuals to make specific comments on your suitability for the degree program.

**Transcripts**
You need one set of official transcripts for your application to be submitted to the University Admissions Office. In addition, you need to submit one set of unofficial transcripts with your department application.

**Statement of Purpose**
Please comment on your specific interests, your academic and professional goals, and how our program can be of help to you. Comment on why you chose our program, what qualities make you a suitable candidate, and how you could contribute to our program. Professional Experience students should include the desired focus of the project and potential collaborating businesses/organizations. Please do not submit an essay about your general life experiences; the program would like to know about your academic and scientific qualifications.

Research Experience students must have contacted two potential faculty research mentors before submitting the application. This is a key first step in the application process. Acceptance into the program for the research experience is contingent on confirmation of acceptance into a research laboratory. We recommend that you first visit the websites of the relevant departments to explore the research interests of the Environmental Science faculty. Then schedule an appointment with the faculty of interest via email or telephone. If you are off campus, you may want to schedule all interviews for the same day. To prepare for the interviews we recommend that you read representative publications of the faculty member selected and formulate a list of questions regarding the research field and research environment. In addition, you should be prepared to answer questions addressing:

- Your research interests
- Your preparation to be successful in this program
- Your expectations for the program
- Your immediate and long-term professional plans
Name: ________________________________

DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENT
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MS DEGREE PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

Admission to the MS Degree Program in Environmental Science is contingent upon review and acceptance of your application by the Environmental Science Program Director and the admissions committee. Submit this application, along with materials listed in the application letter, directly via email to:

Graduate Studies (geosapps@calstatela.edu)
Department of Geosciences and Environment
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8201

Name: ________________________________

CSULA CIN: __________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________ Street __________ City __________ State __________ Zip

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Quarter applying for:  ☐ Fall  ☐ Winter  ☐ Spring  Year __________

Choose experience:  ☐ Professional  ☐ Research

(note: you can change your experience within the first two quarters of attendance)

Please choose your area of research interest (check one):

☐ Environmental Biology  ☐ Environmental Engineering Science

☐ Environmental Hydrology

Educational Background: List undergraduate institution, major area, dates attended and degree awarded.

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Undergraduate GPA: __________

GPA in major: __________

GPA (last 90Qtr/60Sem units): __________

Letters of Recommendation: List the individuals from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. Please have them email the letters directly to geosapps@calstatela.edu.

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Awards & Distinctions: List academic awards, honors, scholarships, or other distinctions you have received.

Research/Scholarly Activities: List any publications or research experience you may have relevant to your graduate study, as well as activities or membership in any scholarly or professional organizations.

Research Experience Students Only:
Research experience students are also required to complete the section below. Please see the application checklist on instructions for completing this section. You need to have identified a single faculty advisor for admittance as a research experience student. Interviews with three faculty will qualify you for the research experience. If any have already agreed to sponsor you, please indicate so. The department will obtain confirmation from the identified faculty during the review process.

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