Department: Geosciences and Environment

Degree Objective: Master of Science in Environmental Science

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

Environmental science research, doctoral study, community college teaching, and technical positions in universities, industry, or governmental agencies.

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

Yes

How do I apply to your graduate program?

For Spring 2020 applicants, in addition to University application, students will apply separately to the Department. See details at http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/geos/graduates.php. Completed application form, personal statement, three recommendation letters, TOEFL or Equivalent (if needed—for International Students only), and unofficial transcripts must be submitted to geosapps@calstatela.edu.

For Fall 2020 applicants and hereafter, students will only need to apply to the University via Cal State Apply.

What is the GPA requirement for admissions?

Applicants must possess a BA or BS degree from an accredited institution in biology, chemistry, civil engineering, environmental engineering, environmental science, geography, geology, or a related field. Applicants with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units who are admitted by the Environmental Science Program are admitted to the degree program in Conditionally Classified standing. Promising applicants with GPAs in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units between 2.5 and 2.74 may be admitted as Special Action students.

Does your program require the GRE?

No.

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?

3

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

Either would work.
Do you have any tips on how to write a personal statement?
An introduction of yourself, be honest and confident in the statement

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, complete the departmental GA/TA workshop.

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 years, requirement for degree is 30 units

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 or 12 units per semester?
2 years, requirement for degree is 30 units

Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?
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?
Dr. Jingjing Li at jli104@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