GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
M.A.

Degree: Master of Arts
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The program prepares graduates for either doctoral programs or a variety of geographically oriented applied positions in private business and government agencies. The program develops a broad knowledge of physical and human geography as well as the ability to analyze and synthesize spatial data and information from a number of fields.

The Master of Arts in Geography and Environmental Planning has two options: Thesis and Non-Thesis.

Combined Bachelor's to Master's Program
Students may also earn a M.A. in Geography and Environmental Planning through the Department of Geography and Environmental Planning's combined bachelor's and master's program (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography-environmental-planning/combined-bachelor-master-geography-environmental-planning). This program allows students to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in a shorter time frame.

All students enrolled in the graduate program must demonstrate proficiency in research. Students may choose a thesis or non-thesis option. All non-thesis students must complete a final research project.

Please see the Undergraduate Catalog for information on the combined bachelor's-master's program.

Admission Requirements
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university** with a minimum of 9 units in geography, with at least a 3.00 GPA in all geography courses, is required for full admission. Students without a background in geography may be admitted conditionally, with the requirement that they take the prerequisite courses in their first year.
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 is required for full admission to the program, and 2.75 is required for conditional admission. All GPA calculations for admission are based upon the last 60 units of undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study.

Submit the online application (http://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply) along with the following materials:
- Two letters of recommendation
- A short essay discussing career goals and how this program will help you attain them

Non-immigrant international students: See additional admission information in Graduate Admissions (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/international.html)

**See Exceptions to Policy in Graduate Admissions (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/policies.html)

Degree Requirements
- All degree candidates must meet with their academic advisers to file intended programs of study. This should be done prior to, or during, the first term of course work. The program can be amended in consultation with the adviser.
- Successful completion of GEOG 375/GEOG 516 or an approved equivalent.

Thesis Option (minimum 36 units)

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Electives
- 18 units of elective courses
- Select a minimum of 12 units of GEOG electives
- Select a maximum of 6 units of non-GEOG electives

Total Units 36

Non-Thesis Option (minimum 36 units)

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Electives
- 21 units of elective courses
- Select a minimum of 15 units of GEOG electives
- Select a maximum of 6 units of non-GEOG electives

Total Units 36

- For GEOG 797 RESEARCH, students should work closely with a member of the graduate faculty on independent research and then present the paper to the graduate faculty. If the paper is judged unacceptable, the student may re-present the paper at a later date set by the faculty. Students not completing their research paper in a single term should enroll in GEOG 799 RESEARCH PROJECT CONTINUUM until the research paper is complete.
1. To prepare graduates for a variety of geographically-oriented applied positions in private business and government agencies and for doctoral programs.

2. To provide a broad knowledge of physical and human geography.

3. To teach students to analyze and synthesize spatial data and information from a number of fields.

4. To teach students to perform independent research on current issues.