

Admission to the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in Geoscience

We admit students during both fall and spring semesters. The official deadline for submitting application materials for Fall admission is Feb. 1; for Spring admission the deadline is Oct. 1st. However, please send materials early - admission decisions are made shortly after the deadline dates and an application that is missing a component will most likely be rejected.

Admission requirements include:

1. A bachelor's or M.S. degree in geoscience or an appropriate related field.
2. A minimum overall grade point average of 3.00. In rare cases students with a GPA less than 3.00 may be admitted.
3. Satisfactory scores on the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Minimum Verbal GRE scores are 400, and minimal Quantitative scores are 500.

To apply, please submit the following items to the Graduate College:

1. A completed application and fee (<http://emt.askadmissions.net/unlvgrad/vip/>). Once you complete the VIP log in, create your profile and submit it. Check your email and get the username and password that were generated, then return to and log into the VIP page and complete the Application Workbox.
2. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. International students also need to submit satisfactory TOEFL scores.

Plus, submit the following items directly to the Geoscience Department:

1. Copies of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (unofficial copies are fine).
2. Three letters of recommendation from individuals competent to comment on your promise as a graduate student (use the document provided at the following link: <http://geoscience.unlv.edu/Students/GraduateFormletterOfRec06.pdf>).
3. A Statement of Purpose that is a 1-2 page essay describing your reasons for considering graduate study, your goals after completion of the graduate degree, and your specific area of interest.
4. GRE test scores (our institution code is 4861 and the department number is 0504).

If you have completed the 6 steps above your application will be complete!

All application materials are available on-line. However, if you need to have paper application forms, contact the Departmental Office directly and the materials will be mailed to you.