

**GRADUATE APPLICATION CHECKLIST**  
**University of Alabama**  
Department of Geography

Thank you for your interest in our M.S. program. To ensure that your application for admission is fully considered please follow the steps outlined below.

1. Contact a member of the faculty that shares your academic interests. Students should discuss the possibility of entering the graduate program with a potential advisor before they submit an application. If the potential advisor recommends you apply for admission proceed to step 2.

2. Complete the Graduate School application available online at:  
<http://graduate.ua.edu/application/>

As part of this application you will be required to write a statement of purpose. Be sure to clearly explain your academic and career goals.

3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended to the Graduate School.

4. Submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination to the Graduate School.

5. Request at least three letters of recommendation in support of your application. These letters can be submitted electronically through the Graduate School's online application system. Alternatively, hardcopies of the letters may be mailed to:

Director of Graduate Admissions  
Department of Geography  
University of Alabama  
Box 870322  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487

Either submission option for the letters is acceptable.

6. Once completed applications are approved by the Graduate School they will be provided to the Department of Geography Admissions Committee for review. Applications will be assessed based on academic records, GRE scores, statement of purpose, experience, and recommendations. No students will be admitted without consent of the potential advisor.

For full consideration for admission and funding, applications should be completed by 15 February. Later submissions may be considered for admission, but typically not for funding.

Please contact Justin Hart with questions (205-348-1673 or hart013@ua.edu).