



School of Earth, Society and Environment Online Programs

GGIS Department Master's Student Resources and Information

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Welcome to the University of Illinois and the School of Earth, Society and Environment! Please review the information below on registration items and important additional valuable program information.

New Graduate Students

Please review the websites and tasks below to help you with on-boarding as well as for use throughout your graduate program.

- **[Graduate College Website](#)** — for current graduate student general information and resources (Grad College Home Page).
- **[Graduate College Online Student Quick Guide](#)** — This guide is geared toward new online graduate students and helps you navigate important steps to onboarding and other information. If you were previously a non-degree student on our campus, you may have already completed some of these items. Please review this section carefully and be sure all items are completed.
- **[Student Self-Service Website](#)** — for degree seeking student course registration and account access (requires your NetID and password).
 - To register please enter the Course Registration Number (CRN) for the “MS” section of each course. “MS sections” are reserved for our online students.
 - Note that the “MS sections” meet concurrently with on-campus student sections and consist of the same materials and instructor.
- **[Online Course Management System](#)** — CANVAS is the campus system used for your online course access. (requires your NetID and password).

Other Important Links & Information:

- **Online Degree and Certificate Program Tuition Rates:** <https://online.illinois.edu/student-services>
- **Paying your Bill/Statements:** <https://online.illinois.edu/student-services/billing-statements-and-payments>
- **Using Military/Veterans Benefits:** <https://osfa.illinois.edu/veteran-education-benefits/veterans/processing-steps-for-students-receiving-veterans-benefits/> and <https://chezveteranscenter.ahs.illinois.edu/veteran-transition-and-support/educational-benefits/>

- **Tuition Payment Plan Information:** <https://paymybill.illinois.edu/payments/paymentplan>
- **Official transcript ordering:** <https://registrar.illinois.edu/transcripts/>
- **Unofficial transcript access and other student account information (will require your netID and password):** <https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/>
- **Illinois Webstore (software):** <https://webstore.illinois.edu/home/>
- **Requesting a campus photo-less ID card:** this is needed to use the library system as it will have your library number printed on it for access. To obtain one please visit <https://online.illinois.edu/getting-started/other-important-info-for-online-students/obtain-a-photoless-id-card>
- **Library Main Website:** <https://www.library.illinois.edu/>
- **Graduate College Forms Directory** – for current graduate students who need to complete a petition or other request form (course withdrawals, petitions, etc.) <https://grad.illinois.edu/forms>

Applying Non-Degree Credit Toward Your Master's Degree: Students who wish to apply courses toward their degree from an approved non-degree certificate program at Illinois, should complete a transfer petition after their **first semester** in their master's program. Please speak to your academic advisor or department graduate coordinator to complete this petition. It is important you complete this early in your program so that those courses are applied to your degree audit.

Graduation Information:

When you are nearing the end of your program, it is important to review the graduation requirements and information. Please see the information on commencement ceremonies, placing yourself on the degree pending list and other key information:

- Students should place themselves on the degree pending list at the start of their final semester in their graduate program. This is completed in the Student Self-Service system. <https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/>
- Graduation FAQ and Instructions: <https://registrar.illinois.edu/graduation/graduation-faq/#add-self-degree-list>
- Commencement Home Page: <https://commencement.illinois.edu/>
- **Each graduate student is requested to complete an online program exit form prior to graduation: Please use the following link to complete the form:** <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/127259784> (requires your NetID and password)

For Program Questions and Additional Assistance Contact:

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