Geospatial Science Advanced Graduate Certificate
Application Information

Admission Requirements
Prospective students may apply to the Geospatial Science Graduate Certificate program either as a secondary program to your existing graduate program (MA, MBA, MFA, MM, MS, DA, or PhD) or as a stand-alone Graduate Certificate.

Students entering Advanced Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Sciences MUST possess the following for admission:

- Bachelor’s degree or higher
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (if your GPA is lower than 3.0, please see the note on Conditional Admission)
- GRE scores are not required for this Certificate program

Conditional Admission
If your official transcript indicates an undergraduate cumulative GPA below 3.0, you will be considered for conditional admission. Conditionally admitted part-time students must achieve a 3.00 GPA after completing six graduate credits (applicable to their program) at Stony Brook. Full-time students (12 or more credits) must achieve a 3.00 GPA after their first semester. If a 3.00 GPA is not achieved - students will not be permitted to re-enroll. However, a student may petition the Graduate School’s Committee on Academic Standing to be allowed to continue taking courses as a non-matriculating student.

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How to Apply

Enroll as a Secondary Certificate Program
To enroll in the Geospatial Sciences Certificate while enrolled in another Graduate program at Stony Brook, complete the Academic Information on the Permission to Enroll in a Secondary Certificate Program form and bring it to the Faculty Director of the Geospatial Science program, located in room 340 Earth & Space Sciences Building. This form will also be signed by your Advisor of your current Graduate Program.

Enroll as a Primary Program
To enroll in the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Sciences as a stand-alone program; while not enrolled in any other graduate programs at Stony Brook, follow the application instructions below.

The application process has online AND paper components. All items listed below are required. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
**Online Component**
The following five steps listed below are to be completed online.

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<td>Go to the <a href="#">Apply Yourself website</a> and click on the &quot;Create Account&quot; button. You may log in and out as many times as needed to complete your application.</td>
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<td>GREs are not needed for the Certificate program. On the Test Scores Page just click save and continue without entering information.</td>
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| 3 | **Three (3) letters of recommendation:** It is preferred that your recommenders use the online recommendation system. Select the “Recommendations” link in the red bar on the right hand side of the online application and enter the contact information of your recommendation providers.  
One recommendation must be from an academic person who has a thorough knowledge of the quality and abilities in the classroom. All references should assess your ability to succeed in a program of graduate studies. |
| 4 | **Personal Statement.** Please attach a personal statement (*Statement of Purpose*) of 750-1000 words that is a reflection of your ability to approach graduate-level work successfully, using creativity, critical thinking, analysis, and research. Your statement should address the following:  
- What is your purpose in pursuing this Certificate?  
- How have you prepared yourself for Geospatial Science study? (Include any relevant professional experience.)  
- Specifically, how will this Certificate assist you in advancing both your professional and personal goals?  
- Describe your research and study interests as well as other aspects of your background, skills, or qualifications that would aid the Admissions Committee in evaluating your application for graduate study.  
Your personal statement must be your own original work. |
| 5 | Submit the nonrefundable $100 application fee, either via credit card, check, or money order. (Payment instructions are on the Apply Yourself website.) |
Supplemental Materials: Paper Submission
The following required material must be collected and mailed to:

Attn: Ginny Clancy, Graduate Coordinator
Sustainability Studies / GSS Program
W0511 Melville Library
Stony Brook University
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3352

1 A copy of your sealed, official transcript(s), from the college or university where you earned your bachelor’s or higher degree. Do not open the transcript envelope. (Transcript must reflect conferral of a minimum of bachelor's degree.)

Immunization Form

1 Print, fill out, and return the Immunization Form (PDF) demonstrating proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella in compliance with New York State Public Health Law 2165. The form contains instructions for completion and the mailing address for Student Health Services. Please DO NOT include the form with your paper submission materials to the program coordinator.

Applicants may expect to hear from the Geospatial Science (GSS) / Stony Brook University via email regarding an admissions decision typically within two business weeks after receipt of the Supplemental Materials and all online application materials.

The Graduate School and Geospatial Science Program must be in receipt of complete applications by the published deadline for the requested term of admission, Fall, Spring or Summer, in order to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

The Geospatial Science Program admits students into the Advanced Graduate Certificate three (3) times a year (Fall, Spring & Summer).

The application deadlines are as follows:

- Fall: August 1st
- Spring: December 1st
- Summer: May 15th