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—Sarah Linden
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Choose from 30 courses to customize your learning
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Graduate Certificates

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Develop the skills you need to take the lead on complex environmental design problems that require the synthesis of geographic knowledge, geospatial analysis, and best practices of design. This program is ideal if you are employed in urban planning and design.

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Flexible, Personalized Learning

Stackable options
Many students begin their Penn State geospatial studies in one of our online postbaccalaureate or graduate certificate programs. Credits earned while completing a certificate can also be applied toward a master’s degree, if you are accepted into a program.

Flexible scheduling
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Online geospatial courses are available year-round

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Earn a Penn State certificate in as little as 9 months
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“The program gave me the chance to broaden my horizons. The breadth of the material, combined with the diverse backgrounds of students and faculty, provided me with opportunities to rethink my understanding of what GIS is and what it can be used for.”

—John Pritchard, Master of Geographic Information Systems
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—Parrish Henderson
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