

Application Related Information

Application: Application Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Andrew Malone
Recommenders Institution: University of Illinois at Chicago

Recommenders Title: Professor
Contact Name: Maha Sheikh

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 12/23/2022 07:48 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108541590

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills - written:

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

November 29, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Maha Sheikh's application to Evergreen State College's Masters of the Environmental Studies program. I first met Maha when she took EAES 101 (Global Environmental Change) with me in the Spring 2018 semester. I got to know her much better in the Spring 2021 semester when she took my EAES 470 (Environmental Geomorphology) course. In both courses, Maha scored in the top 20% of students. In the latter course, I also witnessed her research potential and ability to rise to meet challenges.

In my Spring 2021 course, which was remote and synchronous due to the pandemic, Maha demonstrated her scholarly aptitude. For virtual labs, students used *Jupiter Notebook* to run computer models that simulate landscape evolution. Maha rose to the challenge of using software packages to conduct numerical experiments and presenting findings clearly in written and visual form. In problem sets, Maha also demonstrated her analytical abilities to develop mathematical models, use them to make predictions, and interpret the implications of those predictions. Through Maha's performance on labs and problem sets in my EAES 470 course, I witnessed an ability to implement tools essential for graduate-level courses and independent research.

Maha also demonstrated her drive to improve and utilize feedback. Throughout my Spring 2021 course, Maha improved in the major categories of course evaluation: discussions of peer-reviewed journal articles, problem sets, and lab reports. She improved by at least a letter grade in each category between the first and last assessment. She was receptive to feedback and untallied it to improve throughout the term. Her improvement throughout the course was unique for that semester, considering the many challenges students were facing a year into the pandemic. Maha's trajectory in my EAES 470 course demonstrated a desire to rise to challenges and the ability to achieve her goals.

Through my interactions with Maha Sheikh in the two courses she has taken with me, I have observed in her the academic ability and work ethic necessary to succeed in graduate-level studies of the environment. Feel free to contact me via email (amalone@uic.edu) if you have further questions or would like clarification on any details above.

Regards,

Andrew Malone

Andrew Malone, Ph.D.