

# Geography, PhD

## Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy with a major in geography requires 72 s.h. of graduate credit and is designed to be completed in four or five years. Students must maintain a program grade-point average of at least 3.00.

The degree prepares students for advanced research and college and university teaching. It provides study programs that lead to broad knowledge of a field of geography and its literature and to special expertise in a subfield.

Students may enter the PhD program upon completing an undergraduate degree or with advanced standing corresponding to previous graduate education.

All PhD students take the following courses. They take GEOG:7000 Geography Colloquium (1 s.h.) each semester they are in residence.

Course #	Title	Hours
GEOG:5010	Fundamentals of Geography	3
GEOG:5050	Research and Writing in Geography	3
GEOG:7000	Geography Colloquium (taken each semester)	1
Two courses in geography numbered above GEOG:5001		6
Two research seminars chosen from GEOG:6500 through GEOG:6900; each course for 3 s.h.		6

Students complete a set of research milestones, including a research paper, an area of concentration bibliography, and a written qualifying examination in the discipline. With the approval of the dissertation advisor, each student submits a dissertation proposal to the dissertation committee for critical comments, oral questioning, and approval. Once the dissertation is completed, an oral defense of the dissertation is held.

More detailed information about PhD requirements is provided in the department's Manual for Graduate Degree Requirements; contact the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences.