

Geography, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy in geography requires at least 72 s.h. of graduate credit and is designed to be completed in four years. Up to 33 s.h. of transfer credit may apply with approval from the School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability and the Graduate College.

A minimum of 39 s.h. must be earned at the University of Iowa after program admission in courses numbered 3000 or above. This must include at least 15 s.h. of regular coursework—not research hours or seminars—beyond the required courses that follow; these courses are numbered 5000 or above and preferably in School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability courses (prefix SEES). UI coursework must also include at least two graduate seminars, excluding SEES:7000. Seminars from another department in an area relevant to the student's research expertise may be used with advisor approval.

Students take SEES:7000 School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability Research Colloquium (1 s.h.) each semester they are in residence.

Required Courses

The following courses are typically completed in the first year except for SEES:5050, which is typically completed in the second year.

Course #	Title	Hours
SEES:5010	School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability Foundations	2
SEES:5020	Research Resources	1
SEES:5050	Research and Writing	3
SEES:7270	Orientation, Scholarly Integrity, and Responsible Conduct of Research	1
CLAS:5100/ RHET:5100	Practicum: College Teaching and Professional Development for Teaching Assistants	arr.

Students must also complete their plan of study, their dissertation proposal, the PhD comprehensive examination, and the successful completion and final examination of the PhD dissertation.