

# Geoscience, MS

## Requirements

The Master of Science in geoscience requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit. The MS is designed to be completed in two years, and students must maintain a Graduate College program grade-point average of at least 3.00. Students may count up to 8 s.h. of research credit toward the 30 s.h. required for the degree. They must earn at least 24 s.h. toward the degree in University of Iowa courses taken after they enroll in the program.

All entering students are required to enroll in SEES:7270 Orientation, Scholarly Integrity, and Responsible Conduct of Research during the fall semester of their first year in the graduate program.

During the second semester of study, each student should propose an advisory committee of at least three faculty members to the department chair for approval. Thesis students are responsible for obtaining their advisory committee's approval of a suitable program of coursework and for satisfactory development of research plans as outlined in a thesis proposal, which should be completed and approved by the department chair before the end of the second semester of full-time study. The thesis typically has depth and breadth similar to those of a published research paper. Thesis students must deliver a half-hour public presentation of their thesis followed by an oral defense.