

# Geography, MA

## Requirements

The Master of Arts with a major in geography requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit with thesis and 32 s.h. of graduate credit without thesis. Students must maintain a program grade-point average of at least 2.75. The MA is designed to be completed in four semesters.

Thesis students must earn 15 s.h. of credit in Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences courses numbered 5000 or above; they may count 6 s.h. of thesis credit and 2 s.h. earned in GEOG:7000 Geography Colloquium toward the degree. Students who earn more than 30 s.h. may use the additional work to increase their breadth of knowledge in geography and to tailor their study programs to their individual interests.

Nonthesis students build skills across a range of topics in geographical and sustainability sciences during their first year and develop skills in particular application areas during their second year. They must earn 15 s.h. of credit in Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences courses numbered 5000 or above.

Students demonstrate competence by completing appropriate coursework; completing and defending an MA thesis (for thesis students) or completing a portfolio of finished work and having it reviewed (nonthesis students).

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