

GEOGRAPHY, PH.D.

The Ph.D. in Geography is an innovative program centered on the research-oriented application of geographical concepts and theories to the solving of real-world problems. The program requires 45-54 credit hours.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (<https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/>).

In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit a 250-500 word personal statement.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 45-54 credit hours

At least 27 of the 33 credits in required core and cluster courses (excluding dissertation) must be at the 600 level or higher. Up to 9 credits of course work may be transferred from another institution on approval of the department.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses (9 credits)		
GES 701	History of Geographic Thought	3
GES 702	Research Design	3
GES 720	Advanced Spatial Analysis	3
Courses Required from Geography Clusters (24 credits)		
Select 24 credits from courses in the three geography clusters in the program *		24
Dissertation (12-21 credits)		
GES 799	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12-21
Total Credit Hours		45-54

- * *These three clusters are:*
- *Geographic Information Sciences*
 - *Human Geography*
 - *Physical Geography*

Students are required to complete two courses in each of the three clusters and an additional two courses related to the dissertation research cluster.

Required Milestones*

- Diagnostic Exam
- Residency (Immersion)
- Plan of Study
- Research Competency
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)
- Dissertation Proposal
- Admission to Candidacy
- Dissertation Defense
- Filing the Final Approved Dissertation

* *General information about milestones for doctoral programs is available in Section III (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext>) of the Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/>) page in the University Catalog. For information about how milestones are accomplished for a specific program, please refer to the doctoral program's handbook.*