GEOGRAPHY, PH.D.

The PhD 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 48-54 semester hours.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

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

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 48-54 credit hours

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

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Select clusters of courses from three broad areas of applied geography form the basis of the doctoral program.

Dissertation 15-21

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Courses Required from Geography Clusters

These three clusters are: geographic information sciences (GIS), urban and regional economic development and planning, and earth science and natural resource management. Students are required to complete two courses in each of the three clusters and an additional two courses related to the dissertation research cluster.

Formal Reviews and Examinations

- Diagnostic Exam.
- Approval of doctoral plan of study.
- Comprehensive preliminary examination (taken after the completion of 33 hours of course work).
- Dissertation proposal approval.
- Public dissertation defense.