

UW-Madison PHD. Geography Degree Plan – Current term: _____

Name: _____ Advisor: _____ Campus ID: _____

Committee

Current term support: _____

Current term = _____ semester of funding

Remaining funding guarantee = _____ semesters

Started PHD: _____

Cum GPA = _____
cum credits = _____

MS degree info: _____

BA/BS degree info: _____

Breadth Requirements

Date Planned/Completed
(Note – “waived” if completed prior to this degree program)

Physical geography _____
Human geography _____
People-environment _____
Cartography _____
Statistical methods _____

Program Requirements

Date Planned/Completed - Course

Geography 765 _____
Seminar 1 _____
Seminar 2 _____

PhD Geography
(requires 32 grad credits)
(Prior MS completed elsewhere)

____ YEAR 1 ____

Semester 1	Geog 765 coursework set advisor coursework
Semester 2	PhD committee prelim research
Summer(Yr1)	prelim research

____ YEAR 2 ____

Semester 3	coursework gen'l quals diss research
Semester 4	coursework specific qual diss research
Summer(Yr2)	diss research prep proposal

____ YEAR 3 ____

Semester 5	defend proposal dissertation research
Semester 6	dissertation research
Summer(Yr3)	dissertation research

____ YEAR 4 ____

Semester 7	diss research write dissertation
Semester 8	write dissertation defend dissertation
Summer(Yr4)	revise dissertation submit dissertation

Minor (9 crs):

Date Planned/Completed - Course

Option: _____
Area: _____

Skills (6 crs):

Date Planned/Completed - Course

Option: _____

Preliminary Exams

Date Planned/Completed

General qualifying exam _____
Specific qualifying exam _____
Proposal defense _____

Defense

(Defense deadline: _____)

Date Completed

Request final warrant _____
Dissertation defense _____
Dissertation deposit _____

****NOTE: Warrants must be requested 3 weeks before defense (both proposal and final!)****

New/Updated information and notes:

The Student, Thesis Advisor and Sub-Area Counselor should sign below, indicating agreement about the plans for future completion recorded on this form.

Student _____

Date _____

Thesis Advisor _____

Date _____

Sub-Area Counselor _____

Date _____

Return updated form to the Graduate Director.

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Degree plan notes:

1. Minimum 32 credits
 - Graduate School requires 32 credits taken as a UW-Madison grad student.
 - Maintain GPA = 3.0
2. Breadth Requirements – one course in each of:
 - a) Physical Geography
 - b) Human Geography
 - c) People-Environment Geography
 - d) GIScience
 - e) Statistical Methods
 - These courses can count for both Breadth Requirements AND Degree Requirements.
 - Typically, these are not seminars
3. Degree Requirements:
 - a) Geog 765
 - b) 2 (3 credit) Geography research seminars offered by different faculty members (cannot count seminars taken previously as M.S. student)
 - c) Minor (2 options)
 - Option A – 9 credits in one dept outside of Geography
 - Option B (Distributed) – 9 credits in 2+ departments outside of Geography
 - Courses may be double-counted, fulfilling both skills and minor
 - d) Skills(4 options)
 - A. Competence in language other than English
 - B. Quantitative skills (6 credits of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
 - C. Qualitative skills (6 credits of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
 - D. Combination of quant + qual skills (6 credits of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
 - Courses may be double-counted, fulfilling both skills and minor
 - e) Preliminary or Qualifying Exams (completion advances student to “Dissertator” status)
 - General exam
 - 8 hours
 - Covers one of the breadth areas
 - Specific exam
 - Devised and graded by individual’s committee
 - Dissertation proposal
 - Proposal must orally defended before a thesis committee
 - f) Dissertation
4. Advisor and Committee
 - a) Your Advisor, who is also the chair (or co-chair) of your Committee must be graduate faculty in Geography (or affiliated with Geography).
 - b) Your Committee must have a minimum of 5 members
 - Four of the members must be graduate faculty (or former grad faculty up to one year after resignation/retirement).
 - At least one must be from outside of Geography