**UW-Madison PhD. Geography Degree Plan – current term**
*(for students entering the program IN/AFTER Fall 2014)*

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**Current term support:**
- Current term = nth semester of funding
- Remaining funding guarantee = x semesters
- Started PHD (initial degree term)

**Cum GPA**
- Years pre ABD =
- Years post ABD =

**MS degree info:**
- BA/BS degree info:

**Breadth Requirements**
*(Note – “waived” if completed prior to this degree program)*
- Physical geography
- Human geography
- People-environment
- Cartography
- Statistical methods

**Program Requirements**
*(Note: can use coursework taken as a UW-Madison Geography graduate student)*
- Geography 765
- Seminar 1
- Seminar 2

**Minor (9 crs):**
*(Note: can use coursework taken as a UW-Madison Geography graduate student)*

**Skills (6 crs):**
*(Note: can use any coursework taken as a graduate student)*

**Credit Requirements**
*(Fall 2014 and beyond start – 51 cr req’d (32 req’d as UW-MSN grad)*

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**Preliminary Exams**
*(prelim warrant should be requested 3 weeks prior to proposal defense)*
- General qualifying exam
- Specific qualifying exam
- Proposal defense

**Warrants (Prelim + Final Defense) - request 3 weeks before you need it!**
- To request your prelim warrant, email proposal defense date and committee membership to Graduate Program Director
- To request your final defense warrant, email title, defense date, committee membership to Graduate Program Director

**New/Updated information and notes:**
Degree plan notes:

- Minimum credits
  - Pre-Fall 2014 entry: 32 credits (all must be taken as a UW-Madison grad student).
  - Post-Fall 2014 entry: 51 credits (32 cr must be taken as a UW-Madison grad student).
- Maintain GPA = 3.0
- Breadth Requirements (Typically, these are not seminars.) – one course in each of:
  - Physical Geography
  - Human Geography
  - People-Environment Geography
  - Cartography/GIS
  - Statistical Methods

Degree Requirements:

- Geog 765 (1 credit)
- 2 (3 credit) research seminars offered by different faculty members (cannot count seminars taken previously as M.S. student)
- Minor (2 options) (can use coursework taken as a UW-Madison Geog graduate student)
  - Option A – 9 cr in one dept outside of Geography
  - Option B (Distributed) – 9 cr in 2+ departments outside of Geography
- Skills (4 options) (can use any coursework taken as a graduate student)
  - Competence in language other than English
  - Quantitative skills (6 cr of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
  - Qualitative skills (6 cr of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
  - Combination of quant + qual skills (6 cr of “intermediate” or “advanced” courses)
- Preliminary or Qualifying Exams
  - General/Specific exam – varies by subarea
  - Dissertation proposal - must orally defended before a thesis committee

Dissertator status

- Completion of coursework + qualifying exams advances student to “Dissertator” status
- Once a dissertator, continuous fall/spring enrollment for 3 credits is required.

Dissertation

- Advisor and Committee
  - Your Advisor, who is also the chair (or co-chair) of your Committee must be graduate faculty in Geography (or affiliated with Geography).
  - Your Committee must have a minimum of 5 members
    - Four of the members must be UW-Madison graduate faculty (or former grad faculty up to one year after resignation/retirement).
    - At least one must be from outside of Geography
    - At least two must be UW-Madison Geography faculty

From the Graduate School

Five-Year Rule – Students have five years form the date of their preliminary examination to take their final oral examination and deposit their dissertation.