

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

Name

Advisor:

CampusID

Committee

Current term support:

Current term= **nth** semester of funding

Remaining funding guarantee= **x** semesters

Started PHD (initial degree term)

Years pre ABD =

Years post ABD =

Cum GPA =

MS degree info:

cum credits =

BA/BS degree info:

Date Planned/Completed

(Note –“waived” if completed prior to this degree program)

Breadth Requirements

Physical geography

Human geography

People-environment

Cartography

Statistical methods

Program Requirements

Date Planned/Completed - Course

Geography 765

Seminar 1

Seminar 2

Minor (9 crs):

Date Planned/Completed – Course

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

Option:

Area:

Skills (6 crs):

Credit Requirements

Pre Fall 2014 start – 32 cr req'd (16 req'd as UW-MSN grad)

Cumulative + in progress credits

Required credits still needed

Preliminary Exams

Date Planned/Completed

(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:

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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)
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 - 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 from the date of their preliminary examination to take their final oral examination and deposit their dissertation.