GEOGRAPHY, MS

Admission Requirements
Applicants must satisfy the minimum admission requirements established by the Graduate School. An applicant to the MS program is normally required to have a bachelor's degree in geography, environmental science, or a related discipline. Applicants with degrees in disciplines other than geography or with background deficiencies may be required to complete certain undergraduate requirements.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Degree Requirements

MS in Geography, Thesis Option
This option requires a total of 30 credit hours including 6 hours of program requirements and 6 hours of thesis research. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be taken from courses in one of the areas of concentration including earth system science; environment and natural resources; environment and society; or geographical information techniques. The remaining 9 credit hours may consist of courses from any of the other three areas of concentration and/or may be selected from related courses offered in other disciplines with departmental approval (up to 6 of the 9 credit hours). A thesis committee should be established by the end of the first semester of residence and a thesis proposal must be defended by the end of the second semester of residence. Additional information is provided in the Department of Geography MS Graduate Handbook.

MS in Applied Geography, Non-thesis Option
This option requires a total of 39 credit hours including 6 hours of program requirements and 3 hours for non-thesis research projects. Students selecting this option must take a minimum of 8 hours of geographic techniques and may count up to 15 credit hours of such coursework towards their MS program. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be taken from courses in one of the areas of concentration including earth system science; environment and natural resources; environment and society; or geographical information techniques. The remaining 10 credit hours may consist of courses from any of the other three areas of concentration; related courses in other disciplines with departmental approval (up to 6 of the 10 credit hours); and/or experiential learning courses (up to 3 of the 10 credit hours). The non-thesis option is only available with consent of the academic advisor and graduate program director.