Degree Program Requirements

Total Minimum Hours
Core Requirements
Concentration Requirements (if applicable)
Elective Requirements
Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam Requirements
Total Thesis/Dissertation Hours Required
Thesis/Dissertation requirements (including notations if non-thesis option is available)
Other requirements (e.g. internship)

Sequence Information (if a cohort model)

Example:
Degree Program Requirements
Total Minimum Hours: 30

Core Requirements (9 hours)
- GEO 6058 Geographic Literature and History (3 hrs)
- GEO 6970 Geographic Research Design (3 hrs)
- GEO 6200 Geographic Investigation (3 hrs)

Concentration Requirements (9 hours)
Select one of the following options:

**Economic, Social and Planning Issues in the Urban Environment**
- GEO 6116 Perspective of Environmental Thought (3 hrs)
- GEO 6345 Technological Hazards and Environmental Justice (3 hrs)
- GEO 6347 Natural Hazards (3 hrs)
- GEO 6428 Seminar in Human Geography (3 hrs)
- GEO 6475 Political Geography Seminar (3 hrs)
- GEO 6505 Contemporary Urban Issues (3 hrs)
- GEO 6545 Economic Geography Seminar (3 hrs)
- GEO 6566 Site Feasibility Analysis (3 hrs)
- GEO 6704 Transportation Geography (3 hrs)
- GEO 7605 Seminar in Urban Environments (3 hrs)

**Natural/Technological Hazards and Environmental Justice**
- GEO 6116 Perspective of Environmental Thought (3 hrs)
- GEO 6178 Environmental Applications of GIS (3 hrs)
- GEO 6209C Physical Geography Seminar (3 hrs)
- GEO 6215 Geomorphology Seminar (3 hrs)
- GEO 6217 Karst Geomorphology (3 hrs)
- GEO 6263 Soils Seminar (3 hrs)
- GEO 6286 Water Resources (3 hrs)
- GEO 6288 Hydrological Systems (3 hrs)
- GEO 6345 Technological Hazards and Environmental Justice (3 hrs)
E elective Requirements (6 hours)

Students take six credit hours of electives at a level of 5000 or higher, keeping in mind that a minimum of ten hours of coursework for the entire program is required at the 6000-level. At least one of the electives must be taken outside of the student’s concentration excluding GEO 6908, 6918, and 6944. Electives may also be selected from courses offered outside of the Department, with the consent of the student’s advisor and the graduate program director. A maximum of six approved hours taken outside the department can be used in the students degree program.

Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam Requirements

Students must pass a comprehensive written examination that is administered during the semester in which they plan to graduate.

Total Thesis/Dissertation Hours Required (6 hours)

GEO 697 Thesis (6)

Thesis requirements

Thesis Option

Students in the thesis option can only apply three credit hours of Internship (GEO 6944), and three credit hours of Directed Research (GEO 6918) or Independent Research (GEO 6908) toward the degree. Upon completion of a minimum of 15 hours students are required to defend a thesis proposal. Students must also complete a thesis defense during the semester they plan to graduate.

Non-Thesis Option

Non-thesis option students complete a total of 36 hours, with 27 hours of electives completed at a level of 5000 or higher, keeping in mind that a minimum degree requirement is 16 hours at the 6000 level. Students can also take up to nine hours outside the department with the consent of their advisor and the graduate program director, to apply toward their degree program. Students can apply three credit hours of Internship (GEO 6944), three credit hours of Directed Research (GEO 6918) and/or Independent Research (GEO 6908) toward their degree program.

Other requirements (e.g. internship)

n/a

Sequence Information (if a cohort model)

n/a

Note – if you add up the hours for the requirements and then the electives, you’ll see they do not total 36 hours, but 45 (27+18) This would be need to be corrected.