

# GEOGRAPHY, MS

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum 30 credits  
Credit  
Requirement

Minimum 16 credits  
Residence  
Credit  
Requirement

Minimum 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>).

Overall 3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade n/a  
Requirements

Assessments A formal thesis is required.  
and  
Examinations  
Language No language requirement.  
Requirements

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core</b>		
Students must complete the following courses.		
GEOG 765	Geographical Inquiry and Analysis: An Introduction	1
GEOG 766	Geographical Inquiry and Analysis: Techniques	3
Two geography (GEOG) graduate courses numbered 300 and above <sup>1</sup>		6
<b>Seminars</b>		
Students must complete two (3-credit) geography seminars numbered 900 with two different core or affiliate Geography faculty members. See list of options below.		6
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
In consultation with advisor, students must complete coursework to reach the minimum of 30 credit requirement.		14
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> One course can double count for breadth. Exclusive of seminars.

#### Geography Seminars

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG 900	Seminar in Geography	1-3
GEOG 901	Seminar in Cultural Geography	2-3
GEOG 918	Seminar in Political Geography	2-3
GEOG 920	Seminar in Physical Geography	1-3
GEOG 930	Seminar in People-Environment Geography	2-3
GEOG 970	Seminar in Geographic Information Science	1-3