

GEOGRAPHY, PHD

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 Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	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 Requirements	No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations Students must pass a general and specific qualifying exam. Students must orally defend dissertation proposal before a dissertation committee.

Language Requirements Competence in a non-English language can be used to fulfill skills requirement.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

Students who choose to complete the Culture, History and Environment doctoral minor can use no more than one Geography course for the minor and that course must be outside of the student's primary subarea of study.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
Students must complete the following course.		
GEOG 765	Geographical Inquiry and Analysis: An Introduction	1
Seminars		
Students must complete two (3-credit) courses numbered 900 or above geography seminars with two different core or affiliate Geography faculty members. Students cannot use seminars completed as an MS student towards this requirement. See seminar options below.		6
Skills Coursework		
In consultation with advisor, students must complete 6 credits of intermediate or advanced courses numbered 300 or above. Any coursework completed as a graduate student can be used. Typically, students fulfill this requirement by completing one of the following four options. Credits earned as independent study (999) or research (990) cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.		6
<i>Language Competence</i>		
Students may demonstrate competency through an oral assessment administered by a faculty member or instructor from the relevant language department OR complete the appropriate language coursework as selected in consultation with advisor.		
<i>Quantitative Skills</i>		
In consultation with advisor, students select and complete quantitative skills courses that are intermediate or advanced courses numbered 300 and above.		
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<i>Combination of Quantitative and Qualitative Skills</i>		
In consultation with advisor, students select and complete quantitative and qualitative skills courses that are intermediate or advanced courses numbered 300 and above.		
Additional Coursework		

In consultation with advisor, students must complete coursework to reach the minimum 51 credit requirement. This coursework is chosen to complement a student's research area.

Total Credits **51**

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