



M.S. Geography Degree Plan

Student Name: _____ ID: _____

Meet with your Thesis Advisor and Sub Area Counselor to update this form at the beginning of every semester. (Return updated form to Graduate Coordinator)

Normal Progress Timeline

first year

semester 1

- Geog 765
- Choose advisor
- Coursework

semester 2

- Geog 766
- Thesis Proposal
- Form committee
- Coursework

summer

- Thesis research

second year

semester 3

- Thesis research
- Coursework

semester 4

- Write Thesis
- Defend thesis

Committee

_____ Advisor
 _____ Member 2
 _____ Member 3

Breadth Requirements

<i>Planned Semester</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	
_____	_____	Physical geography
_____	_____	Human geography (Regional)
_____	_____	People-environment (Regional)
_____	_____	Cartography
_____	_____	Statistical methods

Program Requirements

<i>Planned Semester</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	
_____	_____	Geography 765
_____	_____	Geography 766 (thesis proposal)
_____	_____	Seminar 1 (3) _____
_____	_____	Seminar 2 (3) _____
_____	_____	Core course 1 _____
_____	_____	Core course 2 _____
_____	_____	Core course 3 _____
_____	_____	Core course 4 _____

Defense

Date Completed

_____ Request warrant (Minimum 3 weeks before defense)
 _____ Final oral exam form
 _____ Thesis defense
 _____ Thesis deposit

	Advisor (Sig./Date)	Counselor (Sig./Date)
Semester one:	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Semester two:	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Semester three:	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Semester four:	_____ / _____	_____ / _____

NOTES:

DEFENSE DATE

Set a defense date and time in consultation with your advisor. Notify your committee and the Graduate Student Coordinator.

ROOM FOR DEFENSE

Most students defend their thesis in the Geography Library's Hartshorne Room. Contact the librarian in the Geography Library to reserve the room as soon as you have a date. Contact the main office (Room 160) to reserve audio/visual equipment.

WARRANT

Request a warrant from Char (Room 144) *at least three weeks ahead of time*. The Graduate School will generate a warrant if you have completed all requirements and have no "incompletes" on your transcript. The thesis committee following a successful defense must sign the warrant.

Note: During the semester the thesis is defended, you must be registered for 2 graduate credits.

Check the Graduate School website for warrant and degree deadlines:

<http://info.gradsch.wisc.edu/admin/academicservices/mdegree.html>

MASTER'S DEGREE FINAL ORAL EXAM FORM

Prior to the defense, you must obtain a copy of this form from the Departmental Graduate Student Coordinator, and complete the appropriate section. The Graduate Student Coordinator will keep the warrant and exam form until your defense.

THESIS FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

See the Graduate School website for information regarding formatting:

<http://info.gradsch.wisc.edu/admin/academicservices/mguide.html>. When "department style requirements" are referred to, consult with your advisor or use the AAG format.

You must include an "Advisor's Approval Page" in your final copy. The Geography Department does not have a standard form for this page. Please use a single sheet with the word "APPROVED," followed by your advisor's signature, title, and the date signed. This page is not counted in pagination.

DEPOSIT IN GEOGRAPHY LIBRARY

When depositing a thesis with the Geography Library, the student must obtain a Geography Library Deposit Certificate from the Graduate Coordinator. This certificate must be filled out by the student and signed by the Geography Librarian to certify that the student's thesis has been deposited. After this has been done, it must be returned to the Graduate Coordinator. *The Graduate Coordinator will not submit a warrant unless this certificate has been returned.*

DEPOSIT IN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

You must submit your unbound thesis in person to the Memorial Library, room B137. You cannot submit by mail. The Memorial Library will notify the Graduate School of deposit, and the Graduate School will notify the Registrar's Office. You must deposit your thesis by the degree deadline in order to get the degree for that semester.