MASTER OF ARTS OR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOGRAPHY

Successful candidates for the master’s degree whose backgrounds are largely in physical geography or geographical information science are recommended for the Master of Science; others receive the Master of Arts.

**Thesis Option**

At least one course on geographic information systems (GIS) and related geospatial techniques

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**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

A maximum of 2 elective courses may be taken CR/NC.

Minimum Hours Overall Required

*Within the Unit:* 16

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 (8 in Geog)

Overall:

Minimum GPA: 3.0

**Non-Thesis Option**

At least one course on geographic information systems (GIS) and related geospatial techniques

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Total Hours 32

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

Some Geography program options do not allow the non-thesis Master’s degree option. Contact the department for further details.

Two written research papers which address substantive research questions are required along with a comprehensive examination.

A maximum of 2 elective courses may be taken CR/NC.

Minimum Hours Overall Required

*Within the Unit:* 16

Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 (8 in Geog)

Overall:

Minimum GPA: 3.0

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Programs (http://www.geog.illinois.edu/grad) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).