GEOGRAPHY, M.A. OR GEOGRAPHY, M.S.

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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GEOG 471</td>
<td>Recent Trends in Geog Thought</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEOG 491</td>
<td>Research in Geography</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Each student must also fulfill program requirements specific to his/her specialty area

GEOG 599 Thesis Research (8 max applied toward degree) 8

Total Hours 32

**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 Overall: 12 (8 in Geog)

Minimum GPA: 3.0

**Non-Thesis Option**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GEOG 471</td>
<td>Recent Trends in Geog Thought</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GEOG 491</td>
<td>Research in Geography</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Each student must also fulfill program requirements specific to his/her specialty area

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 Overall: 12 (8 in Geog)

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).

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 04/2019