MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOLOGY

Students in the Master of Science program can follow the "standard" (or thesis) option or the "applied geology" (or non-thesis) option. The non-thesis option is intended as a terminal degree for students preparing for professional work in environmental and engineering geology or in applied geophysics and who have already been admitted to the program. We do not currently accept new students for the non-thesis master's degree. Admitted students must declare their intent to pursue the non-thesis option at least one semester prior to completing degree requirements.

Thesis Option

Formal coursework (24 min) 24
GEOL 599 Thesis Research (8 max applied toward degree) 8
Total Hours 32

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap
Minimum Hours Overall Required 12
Within the Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12
Overall:
Each student must present a colloquium on the thesis research
All students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (A = 4.0). If the GPA falls below this minimum after 12 or more graduate hours of graded coursework, it must be raised to 3.0 or above after the completion of 12 additional graduate hours of graded coursework and must be maintained at or above the minimum thereafter.

Non-Thesis Option

Formal coursework (32 min) 32
Research/Project Hours (4 min applied toward degree) 4
Total Hours 40

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap
Minimum Hours Overall Required 12
Within the Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12
Overall:
Requires a written report

400 level coursework is limited to 8 hours required in any of the options of the undergraduate curriculum in geology and geophysics at Urbana-Champaign

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1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Degree Programs (http://www.geology.illinois.edu/grad/programs) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/gradhandbook).