GEOLOGY, MS

for the degree of 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.

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/).

**Thesis Option**

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**Other Requirements**

- Other requirements may overlap
- Minimum Hours Overall Required Within the Unit: 12
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12
- 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**

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**Other Requirements**

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