

Master's (MA or MS) Time Line (two-year program):

YEAR 1 (MA/MS):

Fall

- Coursework*, including GEOG 471

Spring

- Coursework*, including GEOG 491
- Meet with faculty advisor to discuss plans and deadlines for Masters thesis or exam
- Thesis option: Identify topic for Masters thesis

YEAR 2 (MA/MS):

Fall

- Coursework (this can include GEOG 595)
- Thesis option:
 - Conduct and complete research for thesis
 - Start writing thesis (Register for 599 for thesis option)
 - Select thesis committee
 - Discuss deadlines and defense/exam date with faculty advisor
- Exam option:
 - Identify 2 research papers for requirement
 - Identify areas/topics for Masters exam
 - Select exam committee

Spring

- Coursework (this can include GEOG 595 and GEOG 599)
- Apply for graduation
- Thesis option: Finish writing thesis
 - Schedule thesis defense
 - Thesis defense and deposit
- Exam option: Discuss content of exam with faculty advisor and committee
 - Schedule exam
 - Complete exam
- Graduate!!

*In planning courses, remember that you need:

- At least 32 credit hours
- One GIS class
- At least 12 hours at the 500 level, with at least 8 of those hours in Geography (this can include GEOG 595 and GEOG 599)
- Satisfy any specific course requirements for your program area