**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*