

# Accelerated program, MA/Ph.D. Geography degree requirements

- $\geq 96$  credit hours
- Course requirements
  - GEOG 471
  - GEOG 491
  - 2 methods classes, including one GIS class – see web site for details
  - $\geq 12$  hours at the 500 level, at least 8 of those hours in Geography
  - Competence in research technique
- Minor
  - $\geq 16$  hours outside GGIS in one or at most two fields
- Research Paper (4<sup>th</sup> semester)
  - Research paper of publishable quality
  - Present research paper to advisory committee
  - Advisory committee consists of 3 faculty members, at least 2 from GGIS
  - Advisory committee decides if student is eligible to continue for Ph.D.
- Departmental Exam (Qualifying Exam)(5<sup>th</sup> semester)
  - Oral and written components
  - Covers basic concepts, research methods, area of specialization
  - Exam committee – 3 faculty members, 2 from Geography
- University Preliminary Exam (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> semester)
  - Prepare dissertation proposal
  - Present proposal at departmental colloquium
  - Prelim exam involves a defense of the proposal
  - Committee – at least 4 faculty members, majority from GGIS, at least 2 tenured
- Dissertation preparation and defense
  - Original research and a substantial contribution to knowledge
  - Well written and in an acceptable format
  - Dissertation Defense (Final Examination)
  - Dissertation Deposit