Summary of Geography Ph.D. Requirements  
(for students with an accepted Master’s degree)

- ≥ 64 credit hours
- Course requirements
  - GEOG 471
  - GEOG 491
  - 2 methods classes – quantitative or qualitative, see web site for some options
  - Competence in research technique
- Minor
  - ≥ 16 hours outside Geography, in one or at most two fields
- Departmental Exam (Qualifying Exam) (3rd semester)
  - Oral and written components
  - Covers basic concepts, research methods, area of specialization
  - Exam committee – 3 faculty members, 2 from GGIS
- University Preliminary Exam (4th semester)
  - Prepare dissertation proposal
  - Present proposal at a graduate or 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

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