

GEOGRAPHY: ENVIRONMENT (PH.D.)

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

****This program is currently not offered.****

The Doctor of Philosophy in Geography; Environment is a research-based program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment (BSE). The program focuses on the role of science in informed decision-making in the environmental sector, and its influence on political, socio-economic, and ethical judgments. The thesis must be on a topic that relates to both the environment and geography.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses (6 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 615	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability.	3
GEOG 631	Methods of Geographical Research.	3
GEOG 700	Comprehensive Examination 1.	0
GEOG 701	Comprehensive Examination 2.	0
GEOG 702	Comprehensive Examination 3.	0

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3-6 credits chosen from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 610	Foundations of Environmental Policy.	3
ENVR 614	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability.	3

0-3 credits chosen from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 585	Readings in Environment 2.	3
ENVR 630	Civilization and Environment.	3
ENVR 680	Topics in Environment 4.	3

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.

0-3 credits of Geography course at the 500 level or higher selected according to the guidelines of the Department.