

GEOGRAPHY (PH.D.)

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy in Geography is a research- based program that provides the opportunity to conduct research, including field-based studies, in both the natural (i.e., biophysical) and the social sciences and includes supervision by a faculty member. Research themes reflect the expertise and interests of current faculty members. A thesis, based on original research, is required.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

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

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Course	Title	Credits
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

Two courses at the 500, 600, or 700 level selected according to guidelines of the Department.