

GEOGRAPHY (PH.D.)

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The doctoral degree in Geography includes the successful completion of the comprehensive examination, a thesis based on original research and coursework chosen in collaboration with the student’s supervisor and/or research committee. The main elements of the Ph.D. are the thesis and comprehensive examination, a required Methods of Geographical Research course (3 credits), and a minimum of two complementary courses (6 credits). The Ph.D. in Geography also includes several options.

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

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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.