GEOGRAPHY (THESIS): NEOTROPICAL ENVIRONMENT (M.SC.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)
Degree: Master of Science
Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The Master of Science in Geography; Thesis — Neotropical Environment is a research-based program of 45 credits. The program is offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI- Panama). The program is focused on environmental issues relevant to the Neotropics and Latin American countries including thematic areas such as geography, environment, biology, agricultural sciences, sociology, and political science. The program favours interdisciplinary approaches to research and learning through the participation of researchers from McGill University and from STRI. Some research and teaching is conducted in Latin America and Panama. The thesis must be on a topic that relates to both the neotropical environment and geography.

Participation in the MSE-Panama Symposium presentation in Montreal is also required.

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 Courses (30 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 698	Thesis Proposal.	6
GEOG 699	Thesis Research.	24

Required Courses (9 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 640	Tropical Biology and Conservation.	3
ENVR 610	Foundations of Environmental Policy.	3
GEOG 631	Methods of Geographical Research.	3

Complementary Course (3 credits)

3 credits, one Geography graduate course. GEOG 696 Thesis Preparation. can count among these complementary credits for students with an appropriate background.

Elective Course (3 credits)

3 credits, at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approval by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.