

ROAD MAP THROUGH M.A. / M.S. PROGRAM DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY - INDIANA UNIVERSITY

First Semester:

- Course selection in collaboration with Director of Graduate Studies and other appropriate faculty.
- Required Courses: *G500* and *G588* (if necessary), plus additional electives for a total of 9 to 12 credit hours.

Second Semester:

- Required Courses: *G501* plus additional graduate courses, for a total of 9 to 12 credit hours.
- Student selects Advisory Committee consisting of:
 - Major advisor from the Department of Geography;
 - At least two additional faculty members, one of which may be from outside the department.
- If required: Student files for Human Subjects clearance on proposed research and outcome of filing is placed in student's file in departmental office.
- Student meets with the Advisory Committee to obtain approval of topic for M.A./M.S. thesis (or papers).
- Student prepares proposal for the M.A./M.S. thesis (or for each of the two papers).
- Proposal(s) must be accepted by the student's Advisory Committee and instructor of *G501*.

Summer Sessions:

- Graduate students spend summer involved in readings and research related to their thesis or papers.

Third Semester:

- Additional Course Work: 6 to 9 graduate credit hours.
- Student continues to make progress on research topic.

Fourth Semester:

- Up to 6 credit hours of *G845* or *G850* should be taken.
- By the end of the sixth week of the semester, student must submit an Application for Advanced Degree form to the University Graduate School.
- Student submits copy of thesis to all members of Advisory Committee.
- With approval of the Advisory Committee, student schedules Oral Defense .
- At least two weeks prior to the scheduled defense, the thesis advisor or M.A./M.S. research paper advisors notify departmental faculty of the defense; student must supply the Main Office of the department a copy of the thesis or papers for faculty to review (or electronic copy for distribution).
- Oral Defense takes place.
- The Advisory Committee decides whether student should pass, fail, or pass with the recommendation that the student continue at IU toward the Ph.D.
- Following the exam the M.A./M.S. thesis advisor, or the principal advisors of the student's M.A./M.S. research papers, decide grade for *G850* or *G845*, as appropriate.
- Within one day of the defense, the research advisor(s) notify departmental faculty of results of Oral Defense.
- Assuming successful completion of the exam, the student must supply two copies of the thesis or research papers to the Library.

Exceptions to these procedures must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies