

Idealized Time-Line for Master's Students

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The following is an idealized time-line for Master's students to efficiently work through the graduate program in Geography. Consult the Graduate Adviser for options. The requirements given in University catalogs supersede information issued by any academic department. The University reserves the right to change the requirements given in the catalog at any time.

YEAR I	
Semester 1 (fall)	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend department orientation (August 22 in 2007) • Attend relevant UT orientations, get UT electronic ID, email address, library privileges, and keys • Meet with Graduate Adviser (August 22-23 in 2007), then register for courses for the Fall semester: GRG 390K: Issues in Geography, and an upper division or graduate course taught by a regular Geography faculty member • Turn in <i>Report on Progress Towards the MA Degree</i> (due October 1). Note you only need to fill in the top of the form, but may fill in the remainder if you wish • (If a TA) conduct department-approved student evaluations of your course • Meet with as many faculty as possible, begin identifying potential Supervisor • Begin developing a Program of Work to complete the course requirements (in coordination with thesis Supervisor and/or Graduate Adviser), including courses in a supporting subject • Attend the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of American Geographers (SWAAG) • Begin work towards fulfillment of either language or methods requirement <p>Optional (applies to some students):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards fulfilling remedial course work requirement (see <i>Remedial Coursework</i> form) if applicable • Submit paper abstract to the AAG for their Annual Meeting
Semester 2 (spring)	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in GRG 390L: Research in Geography • Enroll in a graduate course taught by a regular faculty member in Geography, in a different subfield than the course taken in the fall. If the course taken in the fall was a graduate level course, this course can be upper division • Be sure you are making progress towards the course requirements in geography and the supporting field • Choose thesis Supervisor and work with Supervisor to establish Supervising Committee • Turn in the signed <i>Supervising Committee</i> form to the Graduate Adviser in Geography • In coordination with Supervisor, develop a thesis project and pursue appropriate funding • If necessary, apply via Grad Adviser for IRB approval for research • (If a TA) conduct department-approved student evaluations of your course • Work towards fulfillment of departmental language or method requirements <p>Optional (applies to some students):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards fulfilling remedial course work requirement (see <i>Remedial Coursework</i> form) if applicable • Attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG)
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct thesis field and/or archival research • Begin writing introductory chapters of thesis • Start thinking about an AAG presentation of research results • Start thinking about publications

YEAR II

Semester 3 (fall)	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enroll in first course of thesis research sequence (GRG 698A) if on thesis track• Turn in signed Report on Progress Towards the MA Degree in Geography (due October 1)• Turn in either Language or Methods Form, signed by Supervisor, to Graduate Adviser• (If a TA) conduct department-approved student evaluations of your course <p>Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In cooperation with Supervisor, register and send abstract of paper presentation for this year's AAG meeting before their deadline• Meet with Graduate Adviser to review progress towards requirements• Continue writing introductory chapters of Master's thesis• Present paper presenting preliminary research at SWAAG• In coordination with thesis Supervisor, formulate time-line for completion of thesis and graduation <p>Optional (applies to some students):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply to appropriate doctoral programs if planning to pursue the PhD• Continue remedial work if applicable
Semester 4 (spring)	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enroll in second course of thesis research sequence (GRG 698B)• Be familiar with all Departmental and Graduate School deadlines• (If a TA) conduct department-approved student evaluations of your course• Check with the Graduate Adviser that all requirements have been satisfied• File the <i>Master's Graduation Application Form</i> with the Graduate School• Provide a bound copy of your thesis to the department <p>Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend AAG and present your research results in an organized session• Formulate a plan, in coordination with Supervisor, for publication of your research• Work with your Supervisor and committee to develop a post graduation employment plan