

The 7-Part Plan to a Geography Master's Degree at CSULB (2010-11 Catalogue rights)

Name _____ Date Degree Expected _____ Thesis Advisor _____

ID# _____ Pre-Thesis Advisor: rodrigue@csulb.edu Advising Date _____

The Geography M.A. program consists of 30 semester units divided among core requirements, topical seminars, a thesis, and electives. At least 22 units will be at the 500 or 600 level. Those graduate students entering from another discipline should recommended foundational courses before attempting advanced courses in the formal program itself.

CSULB Unit Value	CSULB Grade	Master's Degree Requirements	Need to Take	Advising Comments/ Term Taken	Transfer or Substitute Course
Courses at the 500 or 600 level must comprise at least 60% of your coursework (18 out of 30 units). Our program normally provides 22 such units).					
		<p>Part 1: Deficiencies/Remedial Program (0-18 units), if needed by non-geography bachelor's degree holders</p> <p>If you are coming in from another discipline, take all of the courses identified by the Graduate Advisor as necessary to build a minimum foundation in physical/environmental geography, human geography, and GIScience.</p>			
		<p>Part 2: Fulfillment of Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/gwar/policy/documents/GWARPolicy.pdf</p>			
4 3 3	_____ _____ _____	<p>Part 3: Core Courses (10 units)</p> <p>Take all of the following courses (12 units):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADVANCED Methods Course: GEOG 400, 474, 502, 575, 584, 586, 587A, 587B, OR 588, ultimately approved by your Thesis Chair GEOG 596 Geographic Thought and Literature GEOG 696 Seminar in Geographical Research Methods 			
3 3 3 3 3	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<p>Part 4: Topical Seminars (6 units)</p> <p>Take at least two seminars (two different seminars or the same seminar twice):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEOG 640 Seminar in Physical Geography GEOG 650 Seminar in Human Geography GEOG 666 Seminar in Urban Geography GEOG 680 Seminar in Geospatial Science With written approval from the Graduate Advisor, a graduate seminar in another department may be substituted for one of these two required seminars 			

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1-6	—	Part 5: Thesis (6 units) Take 6 units of thesis (in any combination of 1-6 units) These may not be taken until you are advanced to candidacy (or the semester you are advanced), which requires a public presentation and defense of your proposal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 698 Thesis 					
Balance of the program beyond the required 500/600 level courses: Electives and GS 700							
		Part 6: Electives at the 400, 500, or 600 level Take 8 units of elective courses selected with the Graduate Advisor to bring your total units up to a minimum of 30 units. These may include up to 6 units of courses in another department or university as long as that department approves the courses selected as part of their own graduate program. A maximum of 3 units can be counted if such a seminar was approved under Step 2.					
		<u>Physical/Environmental</u> GEOG 540 GEOG 442 GEOG 543 GEOG 444 GEOG 545 GEOG 446 GEOG 547 GEOG 548 GEOG 455 GEOG 558	<u>Human/Urban</u> GEOG 519 GEOG 452 GEOG 460 GEOG 462 GEOG 464 GEOG 565 GEOG 567 GEOG 468 GEOG 470	<u>GIScience/Techniques</u> GEOG 400 GEOG 502 GEOG 473 GEOG 474 GEOG 575 GEOG 482 GEOG 584 GEOG 585 GEOG 587A GEOG 587B GEOG 588			
		Elective credit may also be satisfied through use of internship, independent studies, and independent research units, up to a maximum of 3 units					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 492 Internship • GEOG 494 Special Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 497 Directed Std • GEOG 697 Directed Resrch 				
		Part 7: Continuous Enrollment after Coursework It is possible that completion of your thesis may take longer than the duration of your thesis units. You are required to maintain continuous enrollment by signing up for 1 unit of GS 700 each semester, not including summer session, through CCPE until degree completion. If you plan to finish your degree in summer, though, you need to enroll in GS 700 that final summer.					

Comments/Notes: