Department of Geography Graduate School Timelines
Master's Degree Program

Student is admitted after meeting university and department requirements.

Student meets with assigned graduate advisor to select courses and an area of concentration. Plans also are made to eliminate any coursework deficiencies and to complete an MA program sheet. This sheet must be filed in the department office before the second semester.

Student completes required coursework and thesis (students with half-time TAs or RAs typically do this in two years).

Ideally, work on the MA thesis should begin during the second full-time semester so that field, laboratory, or library work can be done during the summer and following semester.

Near the end of formal coursework, student schedules an oral comprehensive exam. The committee consists of the student's advisor and two additional geography faculty members.

Student must be continuously enrolled during fall and spring semesters after completing the required coursework. When the thesis is completed and approved by the committee, an oral defense is scheduled. Student files application for degree through "Enroll and Pay" on the KU website by semester deadline.

After a successful defense, student submits electronic thesis to ProQuest/UMI at: http://dissertations.umi.com/ku/ and orders bound copies of the thesis for the department and the advisor.

Student turns in signed thesis title and acceptance pages to the College Graduate Studies Office. A copy of the title page is also turned in to the Geography office.

Student graduates.