

GEOGRAPHY - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Course and Credit Requirements

For details on course and credit requirements, major program milestones, and additional academic guidelines, please refer to this NMDPG Handbook (https://geography.nmsu.edu/phd-program/nmdpg_handbook_ay2425_2024-08-09.pdf).

Overall Requirements

All students in the NMDPG must successfully complete required credits and milestones, as shown below. Each of the milestone requirements is addressed in separate sections of the NMDPG handbook.

Specific Coursework Requirements

The New Mexico Doctoral Program in Geography (NMDPG) is designed to train students in both basic and applied geographic research, with a topical focus on human-environment interactions.

This program is unique because it is a consortium between two universities. This means that policies of UNM'S Office of Graduate Studies and NMSU's Graduate School together establish the general requirements for the NMDPG, which also has program-specific requirements for all students.

There are three formal course requirements for all NMDPG students. These core courses are Geog 601, GEOG 602 and GEOG 603.

All students must complete:

- at least 48 credit hours of graduate coursework.
- at least 18 credit hours of graduate coursework after completion of the Master's degree.
- at least 24 credit hours of graduate coursework at the home university.
- at least 18 credit hours of graduate coursework in UNM or NMSU courses numbered 500 or above.
- at least 18 hours of dissertation credits, which are in addition to other coursework requirements (GEOG/GESP 699 at UNM, or GEOG/GESP 700 at NMSU).
- at least three hours of graduate credit in the semester in which the comprehensive examination is taken.
- at least one hour of graduate credit in the semester in which they complete degree requirements.