In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

Time-To-Degree for the M.A. in Geography is 4 years.

The M.A. degree can be obtained through a Thesis Plan I, or an Examination Plan II.

**Thesis Plan I:** A total of **34.0 units** are required. At least **20.0 units** must be from 200 & 500 level Geography units, exclusive of Geog 201, 200ABC, 500, 597, 598, and 599. No more than half may be in Geog 596.

**Examination Plan II:** A total of **46.0 units** are required. At least **24.0 units** must be from 200 & 500 level Geography units, exclusive of Geog 201, 200ABC, 500, 597, 598, and 599. No more than half may be in Geog 596. The M.A. through the Examination Plan II is a terminal degree (no continuation to the Ph.D.)

### CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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* Geog 201 is required every quarter it is offered

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**Courses outside the department are not accepted for this requirement without the approval of the student’s faculty advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies.**
The Master’s Committee consists of at least three UC Academic Senate members, with a tenure-track faculty member from the student’s major (home) department serving as chair or co-chair. At least two members of every committee must be tenure-track faculty. The majority of the three members shall be from the student’s UCSB major (home) department. The thesis requires the signatures of all members of the committee, as nominated on Master’s Form I.

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT

Thesis Plan I:
Students are expected to write and defend an original M.A. thesis. Required coursework must be completed by the end of the quarter in which the thesis is submitted. The student’s Master’s Committee supervises the thesis research and certifies the completion of required coursework.

Examination Plan II:
Students have to pass a Comprehensive Examination, conducted by the student’s advisor and examination committee. The scope and structure of the exam shall be determined by the advisor, the committee, and the student. If the student fails to pass the examination, he/she may try once more without penalty, taking the retest during the quarter following his/her failure or at the next available opportunity thereafter. Comprehensive Exam Date (mm/dd/yy): ____

M.A. Committee: Chair: ___________________________ COI Completed (mm/dd/yy) ___________

Member: ___________________________

Member: ___________________________

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: ___________________________

Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: ___________________________

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Residence requirement—minimum 3 quarters (verify departmental requirement)

Required units completed = __________

Language requirement Satisfied (if required)

No grades of I, NR, or NG

3.0 or better GPA overall

B or better in all core courses (200-level – verify if departmental requirement)

Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: ___________________________

Master’s Form I / COI and committee entered

Master’s Thesis date received (signature page/efiled and entered in SReg): ___________________________

Master’s Thesis Submission Fee: ___________________________

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