

To Prospective Graduate Students:

Thank you for your interest in the graduate program in Geography at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). We would be pleased to consider your application. For additional details, please see <http://snr.unl.edu/gradstudent/geog/index-geography.asp> and <http://snr.unl.edu/gradstudent/geog/program-phd-geography.asp>. We strongly suggest that you also review the material at <http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/prospective/steps/>.

Geography at UNL is a program within the School of Natural Resources (SNR), an environment that provides Geography students with many unique opportunities (see <http://snr.unl.edu/geographygis/index.asp>). The School is structured in a non-traditional manner intended to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary teaching and research required to address important issues involving climate variability and change, water resources, bio-ecology, human-environment interaction, and natural resources education. In Geography, we have particularly strong graduate programs in: (1) *Geographic Information Science*, capitalizing on the strengths and facilities of the SNR Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT); (2) *Historical and Human Geography*, including foci on historical settlement of the Great Plains, environmental perception and political behavior; (3) *Natural Resources*, emphasizing geospatial dimensions of conservation biology, water resources, natural hazards, climatology and related areas, and (4) *Community and Regional Planning*, a cross-disciplinary doctoral program combining strengths of the Faculty of Geography and GIScience and faculty of Community and Regional Planning.

Students admitted to the graduate program must take the following required courses:

- GEOG 901 - Proseminar in Research Methods and Professional Development (2 cr)
- GEOG 902 - General Seminar (1 cr)
- GEOG 903 - History and Philosophy of Geography (3 cr)
- A course in elementary statistics such as STAT 801 (4 cr)

Students may, however, petition to be excused from one or more of these requirements if they have previously taken courses that cover essentially the same material. All other courses (including thesis/dissertation) are selected by the student and his/her advisor and committee.

Financial assistance, primarily in the form of Teaching Assistantships, is available to students who have exceptional qualifications. Note that applicants seeking financial assistance for the fall semester are encouraged to submit all application materials no later than January 15, although we will sometimes consider applications submitted after that date. It is strongly advised that you complete your application as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have additional questions about Geography at UNL, or if I can be of help in any other regard.

Best wishes,

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