**GEOGRAPHY (M.S.)**

**Master of Science. Major in Geography.**

**Thesis Option**
Each student’s training and research plan is developed by the student and the major professor with the advisory committee’s approval. Admission is based on the compatibility of the student’s research interests with the areas of concentration offered by the department and the availability of a faculty member to serve as the student’s mentor. A written thesis is required, but the thesis may be comprised of a manuscript in a form acceptable for publication in a refereed journal, while otherwise fulfilling the requirements of the Graduate College.

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This program is designed for individuals who wish to place less emphasis upon research in their plan of study, but want to gain experience in applying their knowledge to a substantial project of an applied nature. Projects may be aligned with internships or other work experiences. The student’s advisory committee will consist of two faculty members from the Department of Geography. Projects must be documented and presented according to guidelines in the department handbook and approved by the student’s committee.