

How To: Master of Arts in Passing (MIP)

Doctoral students can earn a Master of Arts (MA) in Geography en route to their PhD. Requirements consist of 30 credits of coursework already taken as part of the doctoral curriculum and completion of the Research Requirement.

Required courses for Master's in Passing:

Course	Title	Credits
GCU 529	Contemporary Geographic Thought	3.0
GCU 585	Geographic Research Design and Proposal Writing	3.0
GCU 591	Seminar: Geography Colloquium (semester 1)	1.0
GCU 591	Seminar: Geography Colloquium (semester 2)	1.0
GPH/GCU 591/598	Seminar or Special Topic	3.0
Elective coursework/research hours		19.0
Total		30.0

Students with 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree on their iPOS are not eligible.

Procedure

- Submit doctoral iPOS
- After iPOS is approved, student submits a [Master's in Passing Request Form](#) to SGSUP Graduate Coordinator
 - Should be submitted once student has completed at least 15 credits toward MIP requirements, at least one semester prior to the planned completion of the Research Requirement
 - In **Part 2** of the MIP Request Form, student must check "Exam 1 - Written" option, with anticipated Research Requirement completion date supplied
- Graduate College reviews and approves MIP request and contacts student with next steps
 - Student must initiate a separate iPOS for the MIP
 - MIP iPOS should only list completed and graded coursework (see list above)
- After MIP iPOS is approved by Graduate College, student must apply for graduation from the MIP program
 - Student must be enrolled during the term in which they intend to graduate, including summer
 - Master's in passing degrees are awarded at the end of the semester for which they applied
 - Students earning the MIP are permitted to participate in commencement activities and must follow Graduate College and The College procedures accordingly