CONCISE GUIDE TO YOUR CAREER AS A PhD STUDENT AT UC GEOGRAPHY

TO-DO LIST

- 60 credit hours of graduate coursework above Master’s level including:
  - 15 credits of required Geography courses and seminars
  - 15 credits of another Geography graduate-level courses or seminars
  - 9 credits of graduate-level courses outside Geography for a minor
  - Satisfy foreign language/computer language requirement
  - Pass comprehensive written and oral examinations
  - Write and defend dissertation

Semester 1

- 7015 Intro to Grad. Geog.
- 7004 Staff Seminar
- 6075C Quant. Geog. and Spatial Statistics I Approved course/seminar #1
- Computer technique course

Semester 2

- 7009 History and Philosophy of Geography
- 7005 Professional Development
- 6085C Quant. Geog. and Spatial Statistics II or 6079C Qualitative Methods in Geography
- Approved course/seminar #2 and #3

Semester 3

- 7004 Staff seminar
- Academic minor course #1
- Language/computer language course #1
- Directed research

Semester 4

- Academic minor course #2
- Language/computer language course #2
- Directed research

Semester 5

- Academic minor course #3
- Dissertation research

Semester 6

- Dissertation research

FINANCIAL AID

- All financial awards (GA + UGS) are competitive and are awarded annually
- You may receive UC financial awards for up to 3 academic years.
- External awards are limited by their availability
- You must be registered for a minimum course load (see Handbook)
- You are expected to work 20 hours/week as TA or RA

THINGS TO KNOW

- Maximum length of PhD program is 9 consecutive years
- You must be registered for a minimum of one credit unit for each academic year
- You must maintain B average to obtain graduate degree
- You must get the minimum grade of C or S grade to earn credit for graduate course
- PhD committee must have minimum of 5 faculty, 4 from Geography and 1 outside.
- Your committee is in charge of your comprehensive exams.
- To pass comprehensive exams and/or PhD defence 80% of your committee must be in favor.

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