**MODEL PLAN FOR APPLIED GEOGRAPHY M.S. COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS (Thesis Option)**

**Full-Time Students (for part-time students, there is a 6-year time limitation)**

**Name\_\_\_\_ \_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Program Start Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Semester** | **Course Requirement** | **Completion Date** | **Grade** | **To Do** |

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| **Year 1 Fall** |  | GEOG 600: History of Geography |  |  | Meet with graduate advisor  Non-geography majors (B.A./B.S.) may need to meet with the graduate committee to address deficiencies. |
| Elective #1 |  |  |
| Elective #2 |  |  |
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| GEOG 558: Make up GIS deficiency, if needed |  |  |
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| **Year 1 Spring** | GEOG 656: Advanced Spatial Statistics |  |  | Meet with graduate advisor  Identify general research area of interest (e.g. climatology, economic geography) and meet with professors in that subdiscipline to discuss research ideas and possibility of working with them  During summer: investigate research ideas, literature review, data source identification, etc. |
| GEOG 660: Qualitative Methods |  |  |
| Elective #3: |  |  |
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| **Year 2 Fall** | GEOG 641: Research Design (Proposal Development) |  |  | Meet with graduate advisor  Choose thesis committee (3 members, one outside department, all must be A&S graduate faculty)  GEOG 641: Formal presentation of thesis proposal |
| Elective #4: |  |  |
| GEOG 698: Thesis (3 hours) |  |  |
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| **Year 2 Spring** | GEOG 698: Thesis (3 hours) |  |  | Meet with graduate advisor  Submit thesis to advisor at least 30 days prior to graduation (graduation dates are May, August & December)  Schedule thesis defense (final oral examination)  Complete M.S. thesis according to the U of L guidelines for *The Preparation of a Thesis* |
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\*Up to two(2) electives may be taken from other departments. However, they must be related to your general research interests.