

Steps to a MS degree in Geological Sciences

1. Identify a thesis advisor and topic



2. Complete any requirements to become a classified graduate student



3. Discuss with thesis advisor whether to implement Plan A (Thesis) or Plan B (Paper and Comprehensive Exam)

PLAN A



4. Complete an Official Program of Study form (see Official Program Link) following the Plan A option. Submit to department office. Once approved by Graduate Div., you have attained Advancement to Candidacy



5. Submit a 1-2 page Thesis/Paper Proposal which has been approved by your thesis advisor to the Department



6. Submit a Thesis Committee Form to Graduate Division. Two department faculty and one outside faculty



7. Sign up for 797 units – dept. form



8. Sign up for 799 during semester of final thesis submission to the library (schedule number from Graduate Division)



9. Apply for Graduation and pay fee at Cashier's Office – deadline generally in the first few weeks of the semester



10. Final thesis to be defended in front of thesis committee and department



11. Submit formatted thesis to Thesis Review – signature page must be signed by committee members



12. Once approved by Library Reviewer, given credit for 799, graduate and thesis will be archived in the SDSU library.

PLAN B



4. Complete an Official Program of Study form (see Official Program Link) following the Plan B option. Submit to department office. Once approved by Graduate Div., you have attained Advancement to Candidacy



5. Submit a 1-2 page Thesis/Paper Proposal which has been approved by your thesis advisor to the Department



6. Submit department Plan B Committee Form to the department office. Two department faculty



7. Sign up for 797 units – dept. form



8. Sign up for 750 within one year of Plan B Defense



9. Apply for Graduation and pay fee at Cashier's Office – deadline generally in the first few weeks of the semester



10. Final paper to be defended in front of department committee



11. Submit formatted paper and other Material (see Plan B Checklist link) – signature page must be signed by committee members



12. Once department chair has reviewed and approved all material, graduate division notified of passing comprehensive exam (Deadline- last day of classes). Paper archived in Department Office along with record of journal publication.