

**GPHY 857\*: Geography Master's Research Seminar  
Queen's University  
2011-12**

**Course Description:**

This is a seminar course required of all graduate students in the M.A. and M.Sc. programs in geography, in addition to their standard course load. The objective of this course is to introduce Master's students to a range of research approaches in the discipline of geography. The course also provides an opportunity for professional development and for the development of a Master's thesis proposal. Full year, 0.5 credits, Pass/Fail.

**Meeting time:** See schedule

**Place:** E-204 Macintosh-Corry Hall

**Department Seminars: D214** (Coffee 2:30-3:00 p.m.; Talk 3:00-4:00 p.m.)

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**Course Requirements:**

All Master's students are required to attend the professional development sessions as well as the departmental seminars (held on Tuesday afternoons approximately once monthly). Students must also complete a Master's Thesis proposal, according to the following schedule:

**December 13, 2011** – one-page research statement (feedback will be provided early in January)

**January 24, 2012** – draft of research proposal (3-5 pages plus bibliography), including statement of research, brief literature review, and methodology, to be presented in class in a five-ten minute presentation

**April 4** – final research proposal approved by thesis supervisor, to be presented in class (March 29 and April 5)

<b>Date</b>	<b>GPHY 857</b>	<b>GPHY 801</b>
<b>Fall Term</b>		
Sept 13*	1:00- 2:00 - Introduction	1- 2:00 - Introduction
Sept 20	2:30-4:00 p.m. Managing your students' stresses (TBD) (available to all graduate students and faculty (D214))	
Sept 22/23	Depart for Elbow Lake (11 a.m.) Preparing scholarship applications (2-4 p.m.) Dinner (6-8 p.m.) Breakfast (7:30-8:30 a.m.) Roles as a Teaching Assistant (9-11 a.m.) Return to Kingston (11:30 a.m.)	
<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) – Philip Bonnaventure</b>	
Oct 4	No class	
Oct 11*	1:00-2:30 pm: Library Workshops: Natural Sciences in Douglas e-classroom (Morag Coyne) Social Sciences in Stauffer 121 (Susan Greaves)	
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) - Dr. Getis</b>	
Oct 25	Library Workshops: 1–2:30 pm: Using government documents in geography, Douglas e-classroom (Jeff Moon) 2:30–4:00 pm: Introduction to RefWorks/Mendeley Douglas e-classroom (Ricardo Vidal/Susan Greaves)	
<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) – David Lambert</b>	
Nov 8*	No class	
Nov 15	Effective writing in Geography (D416) (Jane Rodgers)	
Nov 22	2:30-4:00 p.m. Research Lineages (Bob and George)	
Nov 29	2:30-4:00 p.m. Geographic Communities - Past and Present (Anne)	
<b>Winter Term</b>		
Jan 10*	No class	
Jan 17	1:00-4:00 p.m. Making your research feasible / Planning a Master's (MA/MSc/PhD) thesis	
Jan 24	1:00-4:00 p.m. Proposal Presentations (5-10 minutes)	
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) – TBD</b>	
Feb 7	2:30-4:00 p.m. Planning a GREB application (Mark) 2:30-4:00 p.m. Planning a safe field season (Paul)	
Feb 14*	1:00-2:15 Balancing your life with academics.	
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Reading Week – No class</b>	
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) - TBD</b>	
March 6	1:00-4:00 p.m. Effective Conference Presentations	
March 13*	No Class	
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar (D214) – Paul Belanger</b>	
March 27	2:30-4:00 p.m. Running a field session in your course (Scott/Betsy)	
April 5	Final Proposal Presentations (15-20 minutes)	

\*Departmental meeting dates