Center for Great Plains Studies
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Graduate Specialization
in Great Plains Studies

Program Description
The Great Plains Studies interdepartmental area of specialization fosters the study of people and the environment in the Great Plains. This vast region stretches westward from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains, and northward from the Rio Grande into the Canadian prairie provinces. The specialization is facilitated through the College of Arts & Sciences by the Center for Great Plains Studies, the oldest and largest interdisciplinary, intercollegiate, regional research and teaching center in the U.S., and the only interdisciplinary program chartered by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for all campuses of the University.

Resources
The Center for Great Plains Studies offers access to the Great Plains Art Museum’s research library at 1155 Q Street, Hewit Place. This resource contains 6,400 volumes of western Americana and includes 1,100 books on Canadian Plains topics.

Faculty
The specialization includes faculty working within the Center and the Center’s 187 Fellows, drawn from the University of Nebraska’s four campuses. Primary Center faculty are James Stubbendieck, J. Clark Archer, Charles Braithwaite, Robert F. Diffendal Jr. (Emeritus), Richard Edwards, Stephen Lavin, Gary Moulton, David Wishart, and George Wolf (Emeritus).

Advisory Committee
Professors Archer, Brandle, Crews, Hayden, Horst, Kaye, R. Lee, Scholz, Supalla, Swinehart, Winkle; Associate Professors Ertl, Parsons, and S. Wunder.

Course Offerings
The masters degree requires nine (9) credit hours of Great Plains Studies courses from departments outside the student’s major department. For the doctoral degree, fifteen (15) credit hours are required. The total credit hours must include the Center’s Seminar in Great Plains Studies (GPSP 800, 3 cr). The Center also offers an internship (GPSP 895, 1-6 cr).

Research Grants-in-Aid
The Center sends out a “Request for Proposal” for Research Grant-in-Aid for Graduate Student twice each year for a total of $6,000 in grants.

Career Opportunities
Students interested in this specialization may wish to acquire an inclusive knowledge of regional literature and to pursue careers in some aspect of the Great Plains region such as agriculture, anthropology, architecture, communication, cultural traditions, economics, education, geography, history and historical archives, museum management, natural resource sciences, community planning, and various types of scientific research including textile research.