

The below curriculum outlines the requirements of the Geography MA program. Most classes are offered only once per year (Fall only or Spring only). If students need to deviate from the below plan, contact the SGSUP Graduate Coordinator to review options.

<b>Core (Required) Coursework</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>GCU 529</b> Contemporary Geographic Thought (Fall only)	3.0
<b>GCU 585</b> Geographic Research Design and Proposal Writing (Spring only)	3.0
<b>GCU/GPH 591</b> Seminar: Geography Colloquium (Fall semester 1)	1.0
<b>GCU/GPH 591</b> Seminar: Geography Colloquium (Spring semester 2)	1.0
<b>GCU/GPH 591/598</b> Seminar or Special Topic	3.0
<b>GCU/GPH 599</b> Thesis	6.0
<b>Total required credits</b>	<b>17.0</b>
<b>Additional (Elective) Coursework</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Approved graduate elective:	
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<b>Total elective credits</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>Total credits required for Geography MA degree</b>	<b>30.0</b>

### Core Requirements

The listed classes are required and cannot be waived or substituted.

### Electives

Any graduate level GCU, GIS, GPH, or PUP course may be taken as elective, including Research and Reading & Conference credits. Interdisciplinary courses may be taken, but must be approved by the department. Submit the *Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses* form to request approval. A maximum of six (6.0) credits of 400-level elective coursework may be included on the plan of study.

### Thesis

Thesis credits may be taken in any combination that adds up to six (6.0), but students are recommended to take them in the final year of the program. Student should consult with faculty advisor prior to enrolling in thesis.

### **Time to Completion**

The Geography MA degree is designed to be completed in two years, with a minimum eight (8.0) credit hours taken per semester (on average; Fall and Spring enrollment only). Full-time enrollment for graduate students is nine (9.0) credits; Research and Teaching Assistants are considered full-time at six (6.0) credit hours.