

The MA Geography Accelerated Degree program allows students to fast track the Master's program. Undergraduate BA Geography students may take up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework in their senior year.

The below curriculum outlines the requirements of the MA Geography program. All graduate coursework should be taken in the order described. If students need to deviate from the below plan, contact the Graduate Advisor to review options.

Senior Year

| <i>Fall (6.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i> | Credits |
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| GCU 529 Contemporary Geographic Thought | 3.0 |
| GCU/GPH 591/598 Seminar or Special Topic | 3.0 |
| Required undergraduate degree courses (<i>varies; will not count toward MA Geography degree requirements</i>) | |
| <i>Spring (6.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i> | |
| GCU 585 Geographic Research Design and Proposal Writing | 3.0 |
| Approved graduate elective*: | 3.0 |
| Required undergraduate degree courses (<i>varies; will not count toward MA Geography degree requirements</i>) | |

Graduate Year

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| <i>Fall (11.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i> | |
| GCU/GPH 591 Seminar: Geography Colloquium | 1.0 |
| GCU/GPH 692 Research** | 4.0 |
| Approved graduate elective*: | 3.0 |
| Approved graduate elective*: | 3.0 |
| <i>Spring (7.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i> | |
| GCU/GPH 591 Seminar: Geography Colloquium | 1.0 |
| GCU/GPH 599 Thesis** | 6.0 |
| Total credits required for MA Geography degree | 30.0 |

* 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.

** Students must have an identified faculty advisor to supervise Research and Thesis credits, and to chair the thesis committee. The faculty advisor should be identified by the end of the Fall of the Senior year.