

The MA Geography Accelerated Degree program allows students to fast track the Master's program. Undergraduate BS 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 a [graduate advisor](#) to review options.

Senior Year

<i>Fall (6.0 credits graduate level coursework)</i>	Credits
GCU 528 Geographic Problems and Context* (<i>Available to Online Students Only</i>) OR	3.0
GCU 529 Contemporary Geographic Thought*	
GCU 596 Geographic Research Methods** (<i>Available to Online Students Only</i>) OR	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective OR	
Approved Methods or Statistics Course***	
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** OR	3.0
Approved Graduate Elective	
Approved Graduate Elective OR	3.0
Approved Methods or Statistics Course***	
Required undergraduate degree courses (<i>varies; will not count toward MA Geography degree requirements</i>)	

Graduate Year

<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
Approved Graduate Elective (Capstone Students)	3.0
Culminating Experience (choose one):	

GPH 597 Geography Capstone	3.0
GCU/GPH 599 Thesis	6.0
Total credits required for MA Geography degree	30.0

* Students are required to take either GCU 528 or GCU 529.

** Students are required to take either GCU 585 or GCU 596.

*** Students are required to take three (3) credits of an approved methods or statistics course. It is recommended that this be completed at some point during the first year.

Core and Other Requirements

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

MA Geography students are required to take three (3) credits of an *approved methods and/or statistics course*. A list of methods and statistics courses currently approved can be found on the [MA Geography Approved Methods & Statistics Courses](#) list. Courses not on the list can be petition for and approved by SGSUP's AD of Graduate Studies. Submit the [Petition for Transfer or Interdisciplinary Elective Courses](#) form to request approval.

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 coursework may be included on the plan of study.**

Culminating Experience

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. 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 semester of the program. Student should consult with faculty advisor prior to enrolling in thesis.

Graduate Student Forms are available at

<https://sgsup.asu.edu/student-life/graduate-resources/graduate-student-forms>