

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 have questions or need to deviate from the below plan, contact a [graduate advisor](#) to review options.

### Year One

<i>Fall (7.0 credits)</i>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>GCU 528</b> Geographic Problems and Context* ( <i>Available to Online Students Only</i> ) <b>OR</b>	3.0
<b>GCU 529</b> Contemporary Geographic Thought*	
<b>GCU/GPH 591</b> Seminar: Geography Colloquium	1.0
<b>GCU 596</b> Geographic Research Methods** ( <i>Available to Online Students Only</i> ) <b>OR</b>	
<b>Approved Graduate Elective OR</b>	3.0
<b>Approved Methods or Statistics Course***</b>	
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<i>Spring (7.0 credits)</i>	
<b>GCU 585</b> Geographic Research Design and Proposal Writing** <b>OR</b>	3.0
<b>Approved Graduate Elective</b>	
<b>GCU/GPH 591</b> Seminar: Geography Colloquium	1.0
<b>Approved Graduate Elective OR</b>	3.0
<b>Approved Methods or Statistics Course***</b>	
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<b>Year Two</b>	
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<i>Fall (10.0 credits)</i>	
<b>Approved Graduate Elective or Research</b>	10.0
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<i>Spring (6.0 credits)</i>	
<b>Approved Graduate Elective (Capstone Students)</b>	3.0
<b>Culminating Experience (choose one):</b>	
<b>GPH 597</b> Geography Capstone	3.0
<b>GCU/GPH 599</b> Thesis	6.0
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<b>Total credits required for MA Geography degree</b>	<b>30.0</b>

\* 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**

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 (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.

Graduate Student Forms are available at

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