

Geoscience MS Program

Simplified guidelines

Course requirements

Total credits required: 30

- Required courses:
 - GEOL 701 – Research methods, 3 credits
 - GEOL 795 – Poster Presentation and Time Management, 1 credit
- Thesis credits: GEOL 797 – Thesis: 6 credits (can register multiple semesters but only 6 credits will be applied to the degree requirement)
- Elective courses of 600-700 level: 20 credits
 - At least 12 credits (excluding thesis) must be 700-level courses
 - GEOL 787 – Thesis Research: 1–6 credits but **only 1 credit** can be applied to program requirement (Prior to master's program prospectus).
 - GEOL 793 – Independent Study and Research: 1–3 credits but **only 3 credits** per instructor can be applied to graduate program (need to fill a form with signature from instructor and graduate coordinator/chair)
 - GEOL 794 – Directed readings: 1–3 credits, repeatable. A **maximum of 6 credits** can be applied to the program

For the description of Geoscience graduate classes, please check the following links:

<https://geoscience.unlv.edu/academics/courses/#graduate>

<https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=5413>

MS progress time lines

1. Complete GEOL 701 in Fall semester of 1st year; GEOL 795 in Spring semester of 1st year;
2. Formation of committee by end of the 1st semester;
3. Thesis proposal by end of 2nd semester; submit prospectus form to Graduate College.
4. Apply for graduation at beginning of 4th semester
5. 5th semester state-funded GA support will be evaluated by the graduate committee and will be given to those who are close to graduation;
6. Students should not expect to 6th semester state-funded GA support.