

# Master of Science in Geosciences with Concentration in Environmental Sciences Timeline

## Your Online Geoscience Degree Timeline: What to Expect Each Year

Planning ahead is key to graduating on time in the M.S. in Geosciences – Environmental Geosciences Concentration. Below is a suggested two-year course plan to help you stay on track and make the most of your online learning experience.

### Year 1: Building Your Foundation (Fall, Spring, Summer)

- Focus on Core Coursework: Begin completing required courses early to avoid scheduling delays later.
- 8000-Level Requirement: At least 15 of your 30 credit hours must be at the 8000 level. You can take some 6000-level courses but be sure that half of your total coursework meets the 8000-level standard.
- Flexible Online Format: Courses are delivered online through Canvas, with semester-based scheduling designed for working professionals.

### Year 2: Final Courses and Field Methods (Fall, Spring, Summer)

#### Fall Semester

- Continue your regular coursework.

#### Spring Semester

- Enroll in GR 8553 – Research Methods, an essential course focused on applying research strategies to geoscience. (Note: The Fall version of this course is reserved for AMP students.)
- Look out for emails in February with instructions for taking the Comprehensive Exam.

#### Summer Semester

- Take the Comprehensive Exam, typically scheduled in mid-to-late May. Eligibility requires:

- Completion of at least 24 credit hours
- A minimum 3.0 GPA
- Being within 6 credit hours of graduation or in your final semester
- Apply for graduation through your myState portal (usually in June).
- Complete GR 8583 Environmental Geosciences Capstone Experience

**Part-Time Students: One Course Per Semester – No Problem.**

If you're progressing at a slower pace:

- Plan to take GR 8553 in the final Spring semester before graduation.
  - Schedule GR 8583 Environmental Geosciences Capstone Experience during your final summer semester, or when you're within 6 credit hours of finishing the degree.
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