

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs		UUPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department _____ College _____		
Program Name	New Program* Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR)	
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.			
*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.			
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation	
Approved by Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UUPC Chair _____ Undergraduate Studies Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date 9/18/23 _____ 9/25/2023 _____ 09/25/2023 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

GEOSCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

The department offers a thesis (31 credits) and non-thesis option (34 credits) for the Master of Science (M.S.) in Geosciences. The requirements for both options are outlined below. Students must choose between the thesis and non-thesis options and a focus area by the end of their second semester of study when the plan of study is filed.

Thesis students are required to form a committee (advisor and two additional committee members) during the second semester of study. Students who do not have a thesis committee formed by the end of the second semester are automatically transferred to the non-thesis option.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the University and College admission requirements for graduate study, applicants for the master's degree in the Department of Geosciences must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline from an accredited college or university;
2. Have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 credits of undergraduate work attempted;
- ~~3. Have obtained a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of 146 or higher on the verbal portion and 144 or higher on the quantitative portion. GRE scores more than five years old will not be accepted;~~ A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a reference familiar with the applicant's recent academic and/or professional experiences.
- ~~4. Receive the recommendation of the department faculty.~~ Applicants applying to the thesis option must provide a written letter of support from a Geosciences faculty member with graduate faculty status at FAU or an approved cognate faculty member with graduate faculty status at FAU indicating a willingness to supervise the applicant's thesis research.
5. International students whose native language is not English must score at least 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, at least 61 on the computer-based test or an IELTS band score of at least 6.0.