The geological sciences MS program focuses on field, experimental and theoretical research with faculty whose specializations range from the deep Earth to the upper atmosphere. We offer state-of-the-art facilities, and graduate students benefit from many opportunities in a hands-on, interactive and supportive environment.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Geological Sciences

The MS program in geological sciences is designed to provide fundamental graduate training in geology and to prepare the student for further graduate study or for careers in geochemistry, geology, geophysics, planetary geology, hydrology and related areas.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis

**Required Core (1 credit hour)**
SES 502 Exploring SESE Research (1)

**Electives or Research (22 credit hours)**

**Other Requirements (1 credit hour)**
SES 501 SESE Colloquium (1)
**Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)**
SES 599 Thesis (6)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Substitutions for Other Requirements may be made per department approval.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admissions application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. GRE scores
5. three letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

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**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Spring**

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**Contact Information**
Admission Deadlines