




Master Cycle

THE GRACIE WAY™ FROM BLUE TO BLACK BELT

Beyond Gracie Combatives, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu consists of hundreds of advanced techniques, all of which have been organized into a clearly defined, systematic curriculum called The Master Cycle. The Master Cycle is broken down into seven positional chapters each of which is studied for several months before moving on to the next. To optimize your learning in the Master Cycle, it is important that you utilize a blend of technique classes, spar classes, and online classes at GracieUniversity.com.

The Seven Chapters								
	1. Mount	2. Side Mount	3. Guard	4. Half Guard	5. Back Mount	6. Leg Locks	7. Standing	
Sub-Sections	Escapes	Escapes	Controls	Bottom Strategies	Controls	Straight Foot Locks	Front Attack Defenses	
	Controls	Controls	Passes	Top Strategies	Submissions	Toe Hold Foot Locks	Rear Attack Defenses	
	Submissions	Submissions	Submissions		Submission Counters	Knee Locks	Weapon Defenses	
	Submission Counters	Submission Counters	Submission Counters			Heel Hooks	Clinch & Takedowns	
			Sweeps					
			Sport Guards					

TECHNIQUE CLASSES

Each technique class begins with a 15-20 minute review/warm-up period during which you will go over techniques from previous lessons, share/receive knowledge from your training partners, and explore any techniques that you may have learned online through Gracie University. After the review, the instructor will present 2-3 variations of a technique that pertains to the positional chapter of study. In a cooperative manner, you will practice the techniques with a partner.

SPARRING CLASSES

Sparring classes are approximately 30 minutes long and usually take place immediately after technique classes. This is where you will have a chance to test your skills against a variety of training partners in a safe environment through a variety of training exercises, such as: Rapid Mastery Drills, Street Sparring, Focus Sparring Exercises, and Fight Simulation Drills. Students who do not train in a safe and productive manner will not be allowed to participate in sparring classes. If you are nursing an injury or you are new to the Master Cycle, you should not spar, and you are encouraged to use the sparring class time to review techniques with a cooperative partner until you are ready to spar. Remember to tap early, tap often, and always identify the hidden lessons when you spar.

24-HOUR PROGRESS

There is a remarkable difference in the rate of progress between students who study in their off-time and those who don't. As an active member of the Master Cycle program, you qualify for a free subscription to GracieUniversity.com, which gives you unlimited online access to the Master Cycle video-based curriculum. If you haven't been granted access please speak to a receptionist. With this resource, you can review past lessons, learn new techniques, and prepare for future belt tests 24 hours a day from any computer or mobile device! Use GU to boost your progress on and off the mat!

GROW AT YOUR OWN PACE

Unlike the Gracie Combatives program, which is entirely designed for new students to the art, the Master Cycle program caters to students of all belt levels from blue to black. As a result, you will often be exposed to techniques beyond your belt level. These advanced techniques should be practiced enthusiastically, and will give you a good idea of what to look forward to, but you should not burden yourself with the task of trying to memorize them all. If a move seems easy and applicable for you, take it, but if not, leave it alone and trust that you'll get it next time you cycle through that chapter. Remember, it's not a sprint, it's a marathon, and you're only racing against yourself, so be patient and have fun!



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Week of	Chapter Focus
June 28 – July 3	Chapter 7: Standing (Review)
July 5 – July 10	1.1 Mount: Escapes
July 12 – July 17	1.1 Mount: Escapes
July 19 – July 24	1.2 Mount: Controls
July 26 – July 31	1.2 Mount: Controls
August 2 – August 7	1.3 Mount: Submissions
August 9 – August 14	1.3 Mount: Submissions
August 16 – August 21	1.4 Mount: Submission Counters
August 23 – August 28	1.4 Mount: Submission Counters
August 30 – September 4	Chapter 1: Mount (Review) School Closed Monday for Labor Day

Master Cycle Weekly Schedule*					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9:30a – 10:30a MC Technique (Gi)
5:00p – 6:00p MC Technique (Gi)		5:00p – 6:00p MC Technique (Gi)		5:00p – 6:00p MC Technique (No-Gi)	10:30a -11:00a MC Sparring (Gi)
	7:30p – 8:30p MC Technique (Gi)		7:30p – 8:30p MC Technique (No-Gi)		
8:30p-9:30p MC Drills & Sparring (No-Gi)	8:30p-9:00p MC Sparring (Gi)	8:30p-9:30p MC Drills & Sparring (Gi)	8:30p-9:00p MC Spar (No-Gi) Street Sparring (Both Gloves & Mouth Guard)		
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*Class schedule subject to change based on holidays and special events.

- **No-gi Attire:** Please wear a Gracie Jiu-Jitsu dry fit t-shirt or rashguard (blue or black) along with white gi pants or black Gracie fight shorts. No other t-shirts, rash guards, or shorts allowed. Please wear your jiu-jitsu belt in no-gi classes.
- **Street Sparring:** All students must have open finger Gracie sparring gloves (5.5oz), and a mouth guard to participate in Street Sparring sessions. Remember, the designated Street Sparring day will alternate every two calendar months.
- **Fight Simulation:** Fight Simulation Class is the most important class for promotion consideration. All participants must have 5.5 oz. sparring gloves, 18 oz. fight sim gloves, and a mouth guard to participate.
- **Master Cycle Stripe Promotions:** Master Cycle stripe promotion consideration is based on at least eight months of regular attendance and a minimum of 100 classes (including 10 RD classes and 10 FS classes). Please keep in mind that these are minimum attendance requirements and do not guarantee promotion.