



Master Cycle

THE GRACIE WAY™ FROM BLUE TO BLACK BELT

Beyond blue belt, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu consists of hundreds of advanced techniques, all of which we have organized into a clearly defined, systematic curriculum called The Master Cycle. The Master Cycle consists of seven positional chapters each of which you will study for several months. We encourage you to utilize a blend of technique classes, sparring classes, and online classes at GracieUniversity.com to optimize your growth.

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 warm-up/review period during which you will practice techniques from previous lessons, share knowledge with your training partners, and explore techniques that you learned through Gracie University. After the review, the instructor will teach 2-3 variations of a technique from the positional chapter of study. You will practice with a partner in a cooperative manner to explore the individual techniques.

SPARRING CLASSES

Sparring classes last 30 minutes and usually occur 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 Rapid Mastery Drills, Focus Sparring Exercises, and Fight Simulation Drills. Students who fail to train in a safe and productive manner may not participate in sparring classes. If injured or new to the Master Cycle, you should not spar. We encourage you 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 seek the hidden lessons when you spar.

24-HOUR PROGRESS

We have found that students who study in their off-time progress remarkably faster than those who don't. As an active member of the Master Cycle program, you receive free unlimited access to the Master Cycle video-based curriculum through GracieUniversity.com. If you don't have access, then please speak to a student services representative. This resource enables you to review lessons, learn new techniques, and sharpen your sword 24 hours a day from any computer or mobile device!

GROW AT YOUR OWN PACE

Unlike the Gracie Combatives program's focus on a single belt level (white), the Master Cycle program encompasses four belt levels (blue, purple, brown, and black). In a Master Cycle class, you will often see techniques beyond your belt level. Practice these "bonus techniques" diligently as you will see them again as you progress, but don't try to memorize all of them. Most students retain only 10% of the techniques they see each time they cycle through a positional chapter. If a move is easily learned and works for you, then take it; if not, leave it alone and trust that you'll get it the next time you cycle through the chapter. Remember, your jiu-jitsu journey is not a sprint, it's a marathon... and you're only racing against yourself. So, be patient and have fun!