Geological Sciences

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The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

- **Bachelor of Arts: Geology Track**
- **Bachelor of Arts: Geophysics Track**
- **Bachelor of Arts: Environmental Geoscience Track**
- **Bachelor of Arts: Paleontology Track**
- **Bachelor of Science: Geology Track**
- **Bachelor of Science: Geophysics Track**

- **Bachelor of Science: Environmental Geoscience Track**
- **Bachelor of Science: Paleontology Track**
- **Minor**

Undergraduate Studies

The undergraduate program in the Department of Geological Sciences provides an understanding of the materials that constitute the earth and the processes that have shaped the earth from deep in its interior to the surface environment. Geology applies all the basic sciences—biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics—to understanding earth processes in the historical context of geologic time. It is a science that explores problems by combining field investigations with laboratory experiments and theoretical studies.

Geology also addresses many natural hazards—earthquakes, flooding, and volcanic eruptions—that affect humans. It addresses the impact of humans on the earth's surface environment, where we pollute rivers and ground water, cause rapid erosion and landslides, or attempt to re-engineer rivers and shorelines.

Preparation

High school students planning to major in geological sciences should include in their high school program as much mathematics and science (physics, chemistry, biology, or earth science) as possible.

Students who transfer to the department after two years of college work elsewhere should have completed a year of general chemistry, a year of general physics, and two quarters or a semester of calculus. A year of general geology with laboratory is recommended.

Careers

Students with a degree in geological sciences are qualified for employment in a broad range of careers: geotechnical and environmental consultants; K–12 school teachers (with an additional teaching certificate); laboratory technicians; professional geologists, geophysicists, or geochemists; and positions in the petroleum and mining industries or in state and federal agencies such as the United States Geological Survey or the Environmental Protection Agency. The current climate for employment in the earth sciences is good. Geoscience jobs require skills in critical thinking and problem solving, quantitative analysis, oral and written communication, and team work. The Department of Geological Sciences curriculum emphasizes these skills.

Geological Sciences Curriculum

The Department of Geological Sciences offers a bachelor of science (BS) or a bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in geological sciences.

Major Tracks

Earth science is an unusually broad subject. It addresses everything from the chemical processes that make rocks and minerals to the physics behind plate tectonics and the travel of earthquake waves through the planet. It explores the history of the evolution of life revealed in fossils, and it probes the earth processes that affect how humans can survive on the surface of the planet. To address this breadth, the department offers four curricular tracks for a major in geological sciences: geology, geophysics, environmental geoscience, and paleontology.

All of the tracks require a common core of general chemistry, calculus, general geology, and physics, except that paleontology- and environmental geoscience–track students may take two terms of biology in place of two terms of physics. Beyond the core, each track requires certain additional courses and a selection of electives.

Undergraduate Research

As many as 4 credits of research can be counted toward electives in any of the tracks. To receive such credit, students must

1. submit a short letter, approved by the faculty research advisor and addressed to the head undergraduate advisor in geological sciences, stating the nature of the research and asserting that there is faculty supervision
2. submit a final written report to the faculty advisor describing the results of the research.

Students may earn credit in this category by registering for any of the following:

GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
GEOL408	Laboratory Projects: [Topic]	1-6

Students who complete an honors thesis may not apply this option toward elective credits.

Grade Options and Standards

Undergraduate majors must take for letter grades (the pass/no pass option is not acceptable) all the courses required in their degree program. Required courses must be completed with grades of C– or better. Exceptions for honors students are noted under Honors in Geological Sciences.

Bachelor of Arts: Geology Track

Core Courses		
GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
PHYS201–202	General Physics	8
orPHYS251 &PHYS252	Foundations of Physics I and Foundations of Physics I	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
One from the following:		4
CH223	General Chemistry	
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	
PHYS203	General Physics	
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
MATH246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
orMATH251–252	Calculus I-II	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH253	Calculus III	
MATH343	Statistical Models and Methods	
MATH425	Statistical Methods I	
GEOL418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	

PHYS481	Design of Experiments	
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
GEOL331	Mineralogy	5
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	5
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350 &GEOL351 &GEOL352	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Problems and Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	5
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	12
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		20
Total Credits		**106**

1 The 200-level sequence is recommended for majors; however, the 100-level sequence may be substituted if the courses are passed with grades of mid-B or better.

Electives

Biology		
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH227–229	General Chemistry Laboratory	6
orCH237–239	Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH444	Chemical Thermodynamics	4
CH445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer and Information Science		
CIS122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
CIS210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CIS315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG181	Our Digital Earth	4
GEOG321	Climatology	4
GEOG322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOG360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG485–486	Remote Sensing I-II	8
GEOG491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	5
GEOL407	Seminar: [Topic] (Current Topics in Geology) [1]	3
Courses higher than 410 [2]		
Mathematics		
MATH256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH411–412	Functions of a Complex Variable I-II	8
MATH420	Ordinary Differential Equations	4
MATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	8
MATH425–426	Statistical Methods I-II	8
Physics		
PHYS203	General Physics	4
orPHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS204–206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	6
PHYS290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12

1 Pass/no pass

2 May include one course numbered 304–310.

Bachelor of Science: Geology Track

Core Courses		
GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
PHYS201–202	General Physics	8
orPHYS251 &PHYS252	Foundations of Physics I and Foundations of Physics I	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
One from the following:		4
CH223	General Chemistry	
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	
PHYS203	General Physics	
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
MATH246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
orMATH251–252	Calculus I-II	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH253	Calculus III	

MATH343	Statistical Models and Methods	
MATH425	Statistical Methods I	
GEOL418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	
PHYS481	Design of Experiments	
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
GEOL331	Mineralogy	5
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	5
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350 &GEOL351 &GEOL352	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Problems and Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	5
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	12
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		20
Total Credits		**106**

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Electives

Biology		
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH227–229	General Chemistry Laboratory	6
orCH237–239	Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH444	Chemical Thermodynamics	4
CH445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer and Information Science		
CIS122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
CIS210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CIS315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG181	Our Digital Earth	4
GEOG321	Climatology	4
GEOG322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOG360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG485–486	Remote Sensing I-II	8
GEOG491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	5
GEOL407	Seminar: [Topic] (Current Topics in Geology) [1]	3
Courses higher than 410 [2]		
Mathematics		
MATH256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH411–412	Functions of a Complex Variable I-II	8
MATH420	Ordinary Differential Equations	4
MATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	8
MATH425–426	Statistical Methods I-II	8
Physics		
PHYS203	General Physics	4
orPHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS204–206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	6
PHYS290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12

1 Pass/no pass

2 May include one course numbered 304–310.

Bachelor of Arts: Geophysics Track

GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH251–253	Calculus I-III	12
PHYS251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
Select two of the following:		10
GEOL311	Earth Materials	
GEOL331	Mineralogy	
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	

GEOL455	Mechanical Earth	4
MATH281–282 &MATH256	Several-Variable Calculus I-II and Introduction to Differential Equations	12
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
orPHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		16
Total Credits		**109**

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Electives

Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH411	Physical Chemistry	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350	Structural Geology	3
GEOL351	Structural Geology Problems	1
GEOL352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL407	Seminar: [Topic] (Current Topics in Geology) [1]	1-5
Courses numbered 408 or higher		
Mathematics		
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
orMATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	

[1] Pass/no pass

Bachelor of Science: Geophysics Track

GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH251–253	Calculus I-III	12
PHYS251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
Select two of the following:		10
GEOL311	Earth Materials	
GEOL331	Mineralogy	
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	
GEOL455	Mechanical Earth	4
MATH281–282 &MATH256	Several-Variable Calculus I-II and Introduction to Differential Equations	12
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
orPHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		16
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Electives

Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH411	Physical Chemistry	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350	Structural Geology	3
GEOL351	Structural Geology Problems	1
GEOL352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL407	Seminar: [Topic] (Current Topics in Geology) [1]	1-5
Courses numbered 408 or higher		
Mathematics		
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
orMATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	

[1] Pass/no pass

Bachelor of Arts: Environmental Geoscience Track

Core Courses		
GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
PHYS201	General Physics	4
orPHYS251	Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS202	General Physics	4
orPHYS252	Foundations of Physics I	
orBI211	General Biology I: Cells	
Select one of the following:		4

PHYS203	General Physics	
BI212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI213	General Biology III: Populations	
CH223	General Chemistry	
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
orMATH251–252	Calculus I-II	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH253	Calculus III	
MATH343	Statistical Models and Methods	
MATH425	Statistical Methods I	
GEOL418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	
PHYS481	Design of Experiments	
Select two of the following:		10
GEOL311	Earth Materials	
GEOL331	Mineralogy	
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
GEOL310	Earth Resources and the Environment	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
BI370	Ecology	4
orGEOL451	Hydrogeology	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		24
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Electives

Biology		
BI212	General Biology II: Organisms	4
BI213	General Biology III: Populations	4
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH227–229	General Chemistry Laboratory	6
orCH237–239	Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH444	Chemical Thermodynamics	4
CH445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer and Information Science		
CIS122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
CIS210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CIS315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG181	Our Digital Earth	4
GEOG321	Climatology	4
GEOG322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOG360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG485–486	Remote Sensing I-II	8
GEOG491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG493	Advanced Cartography	4
GEOG495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350	Structural Geology	3
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
GEOL410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	5
Courses numbered 411 and higher [2]		
Mathematics		
MATH256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH411–412	Functions of a Complex Variable I-II	8
MATH420	Ordinary Differential Equations	4
MATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	8
MATH425–426	Statistical Methods I-II	8
Physics		
PHYS203	General Physics	4
PHYS204–206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	6
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	4
PHYS290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
Engineering		
OSU engineering courses, by permission of a departmental advisor		

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Bachelor of Science: Environmental Geoscience Track

Core Courses		
GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
PHYS201	General Physics	4
orPHYS251	Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS202	General Physics	4
orPHYS252	Foundations of Physics I	
orBI211	General Biology I: Cells	
Select one of the following:		4
PHYS203	General Physics	
BI212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI213	General Biology III: Populations	
CH223	General Chemistry	
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	
CH221–222	General Chemistry	8
orCH224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
orMATH251–252	Calculus I-II	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH253	Calculus III	
MATH343	Statistical Models and Methods	
MATH425	Statistical Methods I	
GEOL418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	
PHYS481	Design of Experiments	
Select two of the following:		10
GEOL311	Earth Materials	
GEOL331	Mineralogy	
GEOL332	Introduction to Petrology	
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
GEOL310	Earth Resources and the Environment	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
BI370	Ecology	4
orGEOL451	Hydrogeology	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		24
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Electives

Biology		
BI212	General Biology II: Organisms	4
BI213	General Biology III: Populations	4
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH226H	Honors General Chemistry	4
CH227–229	General Chemistry Laboratory	6
orCH237–239	Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH444	Chemical Thermodynamics	4
CH445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer and Information Science		
CIS122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
CIS210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CIS315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG181	Our Digital Earth	4
GEOG321	Climatology	4
GEOG322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOG360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG485–486	Remote Sensing I-II	8
GEOG491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG493	Advanced Cartography	4
GEOG495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Geological Sciences		
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350	Structural Geology	3
GEOL363	MATLAB for Earth Scientists	2
GEOL401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
GEOL403	Thesis	1-6
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
GEOL410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	5
Courses numbered 411 and higher [2]		
Mathematics		
MATH256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH411–412	Functions of a Complex Variable I-II	8
MATH420	Ordinary Differential Equations	4

MATH421–422	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I-II	8
MATH425–426	Statistical Methods I-II	8
Physics		
PHYS203	General Physics	4
PHYS204–206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	6
PHYS253	Foundations of Physics I	4
PHYS290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
Engineering		
OSU engineering courses, by permission of a departmental advisor		

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Bachelor of Arts: Paleontology Track

GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth [1]	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
PHYS201	General Physics	4
orPHYS251	Foundations of Physics I	
Select one of the following:		8
BI211–212	General Biology I-II	
PHYS202–203	General Physics	
PHYS252–253	Foundations of Physics I	
CH221–223	General Chemistry	12
orCH224H–226H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
orMATH251–252	Calculus I-II	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH253	Calculus III	
MATH343	Statistical Models and Methods	
MATH425	Statistical Methods I	
GEOL418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	
PHYS481	Design of Experiments	
GEOL311	Earth Materials	5-10
orGEOL331 &GEOL332	Mineralogy and Introduction to Petrology	
GEOL315	Earth Physics	4
orGEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	
GEOL318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Additional Requirements		
GEOL334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
GEOL350 &GEOL351 &GEOL352	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Problems and Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	5
GEOL406	Field Studies: [Topic]	12
Select two of the following:		8
GEOL431	Paleontology I: Paleozoic Marine Fossils	
GEOL433	Paleobotany	
GEOL434	Vertebrate Paleontology	
GEOL435	Paleopedology	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		16
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Anthropology		
ANTH361	Human Evolution	4
ANTH366	Human Osteology Laboratory	4
ANTH466	Primate Feeding and Nutrition	4
ANTH468	Evolutionary Theory	4
ANTH471	Zooarchaeology	4
Biology		
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH227–229	General Chemistry Laboratory	6
orCH237–239	Advanced General Chemistry Laboratory	
CH223	General Chemistry	4
CH411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH444	Chemical Thermodynamics	4
CH445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer and Information Science		
CIS122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4
CIS210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CIS315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG181	Our Digital Earth	4
GEOG321	Climatology	4
GEOG322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG323	Biogeography	4
GEOG360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG481–482	GIScience I-II	8

GEOG495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Geological Sciences		
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GEOL316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
GEOL353	Geologic Hazards	4
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Honors in Geological Sciences

Application for graduation with honors in geological sciences must be made no later than spring term of the student's junior year. To be eligible for graduation with honors, a student must

1. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50or better in geological sciences courses or a 3.00 or better in all science courses
2. Submit and orally present an acceptable honors thesis written under the supervision of a department faculty member and evaluated by a committee consisting of three faculty members including the supervisor. The thesis should be presented no later than three weeks before final examinations during the term the student plans to graduate

Honors students may register for 3 credits of Research: [Topic] (GEOL401) the term before they intend to graduate, and 3 credits of Thesis (GEOL403) the term of graduation. These credits may be applied toward electives.

Minor Requirements

GEOL101 &GEOL102 &GEOL103	Earth's Dynamic Interior and Environmental Geology and Landform Development and The Evolving Earth	12
orGEOL201 &GEOL202 &GEOL203	Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics and Earth Surface and Environmental Geology and Evolution of the Earth	
GEOL213	Geology of National Parks	4
GEOL 300-499 [1]		11
Total Credits		**27**

1 No more than 8 credits in Geology of National Parks (GEOL213), The Fossil Record (GEOL304), Dinosaurs (GEOL305), Volcanoes and Earthquakes (GEOL306), Oceanography (GEOL307), Geology of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest (GEOL308), or Earth Resources and the Environment (GEOL310) may be applied to the minor.

Undergraduate minors must take all required courses for letter grades and complete them with grades of C– or better.

Group Requirements

Fourteen geological sciences courses satisfy university science group requirements. See the Group Requirements section of this catalog under **Registration and Academic Policies.**

Kindergarten through Secondary Teaching Careers

Students who complete a degree with a major in geological sciences are eligible to apply to the College of Education's fifth-year licensure program in middle-secondary teaching or the fifth-year licensure program in elementary teaching. More information is available in the College of Education (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2015-2016/education) section of this catalog.

Graduate Studies

The Department of Geological Sciences offers programs of graduate study leading to master of science (MS), master of arts (MA), and doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees with opportunity for research in a wide variety of specialty fields. Course work is designed to meet individual needs, and students may pursue independent research in geobiology, geochemistry, geodesy, geomechanics, geomorphology, geophysics, mineralogy, petrology, volcanology, paleontology, stratigraphy, sedimentary petrology, structural geology, and ore deposit geology. The master's degree program requires two years or more for completion.

Admission to the graduate program is competitive and based on academic records, scores on the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), and letters of recommendation. Nonnative speakers of English must also submit scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE). Applications are welcome from students who are interested in using their background in related fields, such as physics, chemistry, and biology, to solve geologic or geophysical problems.

Graduate students are advised by a guidance committee consisting of three faculty members. This committee meets with each student shortly

after he or she arrives on campus and as often thereafter as necessary for planning purposes.

Requirements

Basic university requirements for graduate degrees are described in the Graduate School (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2015-2016/graduate) section of this catalog. The department sets additional examination, course work, seminar, and thesis requirements. Applicants should read the *Guide to Graduate Study* on the department website, geology.uoregon.edu/graduate-program/ , or write to the Department of Geological Sciences for details.

Programs

Graduate study in geological sciences is offered in five broad areas: volcanology-petrology-geochemistry, stratigraphy–surface processes, paleontology-paleopedology-geobiology, structural geology–geophysics, and economic geology (mineral deposits).

Volcanology-Petrology-Geochemistry

The department has excellent analytical and other research facilities for studies in these subdisciplines, and the volcanic and metamorphic terrane of the Northwest offers unsurpassed opportunities for field studies. Active research programs are diverse and include studies of eruption dynamics, magma volatile inventories, and magma rheology; experimental studies of igneous phase equilibria and trace element partitioning; calculations of multicomponent equilibria in aqueous systems and volcanic gases; and studies of igneous protogenesis.

Stratigraphy–Surface Processes

The stratigraphic record of tectonically active sedimentary basins indicates the dynamic interactions among basin subsidence, sediment input from eroding sources, evolution of depositional systems, and active faulting and folding that govern these processes. Research in this area combines field-based stratigraphic, sedimentologic, and geomorphic analysis with provenance studies and concepts derived from theoretical models to decipher the complex structural and climatic controls on the filling histories of active basins.

Surface processes regulate how tectonics and climate affect landscape evolution. Field observations, numerical simulations, topographic analyses, and experimental facilities are used to study sediment transport processes over a range of spatial and temporal scales. Projects incorporate links between active tectonics and structural geology, biology, geomechanics, and surface processes to address problems such as landsliding and hill-slope evolution, biological contributions to soil creep and landscape lowering, and the geomorphic implications of seismic-induced landsliding.

Paleontology-Paleopedology-Geobiology

Studies of fossil soils, plants, and vertebrates aim to reconstruct life on land and its role in global change. Global changes of interest include Neogene paleoclimate and paleoenvironment of ape and human evolution in East Africa, environmental effects of terminal Cretaceous impact and dinosaur extinction in Montana, consequences of mass extinction and methane clathrate degassing at the Permian-Triassic boundary, and the effect of early land plants and forests on weathering and atmospheric composition during the early Paleozoic.

Geobiology focuses on the interaction of microorganisms with the geologic environment and the ways life forms affect geological processes, such as weathering and mineralization.

Structural Geology–Geophysics

Graduate work in the structural geology–geophysics area involves the study of the earth's dynamic processes.

Seismic imaging techniques using regional arrays provide tools for understanding regional tectonics. Studies of upper-mantle and lithospheric structure beneath the Rocky Mountains and in the Pacific Northwest subduction zone are providing essential constraints, unavailable from surface geology, for detailed dynamical models of plate-lithospheric deformation.

Structural geology focuses on applying modern field and analytical techniques to solving problems in Cenozoic tectonics and active faulting. Detailed field mapping, trench logging, and geomorphic analysis are combined with seismic array data, land- and space-based geodetic data, and theoretical modeling to address problems including Oregon's Basin and Range province and coastal deformation, active tectonics of the San Andreas Fault system, and seismic risk along the Pacific margin of the United States and southeast and central Asia.

Geophysical experiments conducted at sea investigate the nature of sea-floor spreading including the segregation, transport, and storage of melt; the rifting of oceanic lithosphere; and the spatial and temporal connectivity between magmatic, tectonic, and hydrothermal processes.

Mineral Deposits

Current research on ore deposits includes studies of porphyry copper deposits, epithermal veins, and active geothermal systems. These projects combine field mapping, petrography, and chemical analyses with theoretical chemical modeling of processes of ore fluid generation, alteration, and mineralization.

Related Research Activities

The Condon Collection of Fossils at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History maintains strong ties to the Department of Geological Sciences. Two geology professors are curators of the collection, and paleontology undergraduate and graduate students are often employed as assistants. The Condon Collection contains 60,000 specimens, including invertebrate and vertebrate fossils, paleobotanical remains, and an extensive collection of modern animals that are available to interested researchers for study.

Research Facilities

Students may use a variety of analytical facilities and equipment including a three-component broadband (0.03–50Hz) seismic array, an electron microprobe, a scanning electron microscope with image analysis, x-ray diffraction, FTIR spectroscopy, stable isotope mass spectroscopy, and a geobiology laboratory.

An experimental petrology laboratory covers a range of crustal temperatures and pressures and includes equipment for doing experiments in controlled atmospheres. Two piston-cylinder apparatus with pressure-temperature capability to 35 kilobars and 1,500° C may be used to study crystalline, partially molten, and molten silicates under mantlelike conditions.

Computers are used for much of the research in the department including acquisition and processing of seismic and gravity data and numerical

modeling of geophysical processes and geochemical reactions. A geochemistry laboratory is equipped with sophisticated computer programs for thermodynamic calculations of gas-liquid-solid equilibria and reaction processes important in metamorphic, volcanic gas, hydrothermal, and diagenetic systems. The Internet can be accessed through the UONet fiber-optic link. A student computer facility, equipped with PC and Macintosh computers and laser printers, is also connected to the networks.

The sedimentological and paleontological laboratories have, in addition to standard laboratory equipment, an electronic particle-size analyzer, an x-radiography unit, photomicroscopes, a Leitz Aristophot unit, a fully maintained catalog of foraminifera, an acid room, and a conodont-processing laboratory.

Financial Aid for Graduate Students

Most of the department's graduate students are fully supported through teaching and research assistantships. More information about financial assistance and department policies for awarding and renewing teaching and research fellowships may be obtained by reading the *Guide to Graduate Study* on the department website, geology.uoregon.edu/graduate-program , or by writing to the department.

Courses

GEOL101. Earth's Dynamic Interior. 4 Credits.
Plate tectonics, mantle flow, and magmatism. Volcanoes, earthquakes, mountain building, generation of Earth's crust; rocks and minerals; Earth's internal structure. Comparison with other planets. Laboratory, lecture.

GEOL102. Environmental Geology and Landform Development. 4 Credits.
Landforms, surface processes, and interactions between humans and the environment. Weathering, erosion, sedimentation, ground water, streams, glaciers, deserts, oceans, and coastlines; geologic hazards. Laboratory, lecture. Roering.

GEOL103. The Evolving Earth. 4 Credits.
History of the Earth. Geologic time, sedimentary environments; oceans, mountains, and climate through time; stratigraphic history of North America; evolution of plants and animals. Laboratory, lecture.

GEOL110. People, Rocks, and Fire. 4 Credits.
Investigation of topics in geology, ecology, and anthropology relevant to contemporary global energy debates; current energy policy issues investigated through term projects.

GEOL137. Mountains and Glaciers. 4 Credits.
Survey of the geological processes that both create and destroy mountain ranges around the world, and an introduction to geological science.

GEOL156M. Scientific Revolutions. 4 Credits.
Surveys several major revolutions in our views of the natural and technological world, focusing on scientific concepts and methodological aspects. For nonscience majors. Multilisted with PHYS 156M.

GEOL198. Laboratory Projects: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable. Studies of geologic topics combine background lectures with guided field trips to areas of geologic interest.

GEOL201. Earth's Interior Heat and Dynamics. 4 Credits.
Processes that cause earthquakes, volcanism, mountain building, and plate tectonics. Includes Earth's origin and internal structure, rocks and minerals, gravity and magnetics. Weekly lectures, two-hour laboratory.

GEOL202. Earth Surface and Environmental Geology. 4 Credits.
Earth materials, the rock record, human interactions with surface environment. Sedimentary rocks and environments, chemical and physical weathering, mineral and energy resources, hydrogeology, ground-water contamination, surface processes, human impacts. Weekly lectures, two-hour laboratory.

GEOL203. Evolution of the Earth. 4 Credits.
Origin, history, and physical evolution of the Earth; geologic time scales, development of the global stratigraphic section. Weekly lectures, two-hour laboratory.
Prereq: GEOL 101 or 201.

GEOL213. Geology of National Parks. 4 Credits.
Examines selected geologic features in United States national parks and the processes that form them. Focuses on parks in the western states.

GEOL304. The Fossil Record. 4 Credits.
Origin of life in Precambrian; evolution of plants and invertebrate animals; evolution of early chordates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, dinosaurs, birds, and mammals; speciation and extinction. Intended for junior and senior nonmajors but also open to geological sciences majors.

GEOL305. Dinosaurs. 4 Credits.
Overview of the past and present biodiversity of vertebrate animals, including ourselves, dinosaurs, and what ruled the ocean when dinosaurs roamed the land.

GEOL306. Volcanoes and Earthquakes. 4 Credits.
Mechanisms that cause earthquakes and volcanoes, relation to plate tectonics, associated hazards, examples in Oregon and the western United States.

GEOL307. Oceanography. 4 Credits.
Characteristics and physical, chemical, and biological processes of the world's oceans. Includes sections on origin of the oceans, plate tectonics, and human use and misuse of oceans.

GEOL308. Geology of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. 4 Credits.
The region's geologic and tectonic history and the plate tectonic processes responsible for its evolution.

GEOL310. Earth Resources and the Environment. 4 Credits.
Geology of energy, mineral, and water resources and environmental issues related to their use. Topics include fossil fuels, metals, nuclear waste disposal, and water pollution.

GEOL311. Earth Materials. 5 Credits.
Chemical and mineralogical composition of rocks, sediment, and soil. Properties of common minerals; origin of rocks; microscopic study of rock textures; environmental issues.
Prereq: GEOL 101, 102 or 201, 202; coreq CH 221 or 224.

GEOL315. Earth Physics. 4 Credits.
Physics of basic Earth processes; application of physics to plate tectonics and lithospheric deformation. Topics include forces, deformation, gravity, and seismology. Taught once or more per academic year.
Prereq: MATH 112, PHYS 201.

GEOL316. Introduction to Hydrogeology. 4 Credits.
Examines the role of water in geologic and environmental processes. Topics include the water cycle, groundwater flow, and contaminant transport.
Pre- or coreq: MATH 252, PHYS 201.

GEOL318. Introduction to Field Methods. 3 Credits.
Introduction to geologic mapping and related field skills, rock descriptions, cross sections, and structures. Lectures, laboratories, mandatory field trips.
Prereq: GEOL 101–103 or GEOL 201–203.

GEOL331. Mineralogy. 5 Credits.
Crystal chemistry, systematic study of rock-forming silicate, and selected other minerals, mineral optics, and x-ray diffraction. Lab work with hand samples and petrographic microscopes.
Prereq: GEOL 201, 202 or GEOL 101, 102; coreq: CH 221 or 224.

GEOL332. Introduction to Petrology. 5 Credits.
Origin and classification of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. Microscopic study of rocks in thin section.
Prereq: GEOL 331.

GEOL334. Sedimentology and Stratigraphy. 4 Credits.
Sedimentary processes; characteristic properties of sedimentary rocks and their use in interpreting depositional environments; principles of lithostratigraphy and sequence stratigraphy.
Prereq: GEOL 101–103 or GEOL 201–203; pre- or coreq: GEOL 311 or 332.

GEOL350. Structural Geology. 3 Credits.
Description, analysis, and origin of geologic structures including faults, folds, and tectonites. Focus on kinematic and dynamic analysis of deformation of earth materials.
Prereq: GEOL 318; GEOL 311 or 332.

GEOL351. Structural Geology Problems. 1 Credit.
Exercises in solving structural geology problems using orthographic and stereographic projection techniques. Problems emphasize calculating stress and strain from structural markers.
Coreq: GEOL 350.

GEOL352. Structural Geology Laboratory and Field. 1 Credit.
Collection and interpretation of field and map data for structural analysis. Includes field trips, map and cross-section generation, and some computer-based exercises.
Coreq: GEOL 350.

GEOL353. Geologic Hazards. 4 Credits.
Examines geologic hazards, including both the physical processes that cause them and society's attempt to mitigate them.
Prereq: GEOL 101 or 201.

GEOL363. MATLAB for Earth Scientists. 2 Credits.
Introduction to MATLAB (Matrix Laboratory) software package, providing data analysis, mathematical modeling, and computer visualization tools and techniques vital to the work of Earth scientists.
Pre- or coreq: MATH 251.

GEOL399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL401. Research: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL403. Thesis. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable thrice for maximum of 6 credits.
Prereq: geological sciences honors students only.

GEOL405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL408. Laboratory Projects: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL409. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL418. Earth and Environmental Data Analysis. 4 Credits.
Tools-based instruction in data analysis for earth and environmental scientists. Topics include descriptive statistics, visualization, uncertainty analysis, hypothesis testing, regression, time series, and directional data.
Prereq: MATH 246 or 251.

GEOL420. Geocommunication. 3 Credits.
Scientific writing and presentations for the geological sciences. Focus on writing scientific papers and proposals, preparing oral and visual presentations.

GEOL425. Geology of Ore Deposits. 5 Credits.
Porphyry copper-molybdenum, epithermal, massive sulfides in volcanic rocks, and base and precious metals in sedimentary rocks. Geologic setting, alteration and ore mineral assemblages, and geochemistry of ore formation.
Prereq: CH 223; GEOL 332.

GEOL431. Paleontology I: Paleozoic Marine Fossils. 4 Credits.
Biostratigraphy, evolution, and paleoecology of life on earth: Paleozoic and some Mesozoic marine invertebrates. Laboratory exercises on fossil specimens.
Prereq: GEOL 103 or 203.

GEOL433. Paleobotany. 4 Credits.
Evolution and ecology of plants and microbes from the origin of life to global warming. Laboratory exercises and field trip to collect plant fossils.
Pre- or coreq: GEOL 103 or 203.

GEOL434. Vertebrate Paleontology. 4 Credits.
Evolution of vertebrates, including ourselves, based on fossil evidence. Physical and other evolutionary constraints are addressed, and lab exercises provide practical experience.
Prereq: GEOL 103 or 203.

GEOL435. Paleopedology. 4 Credits.
Soil formation; mapping and naming fossil soils; features of soils in hand specimens and petrographic thin sections; interpretations of ancient environments from features of fossil soils.
Prereq: GEOL 311 or 332.

GEOL438. Geobiology. 4 Credits.
Studies how microorganisms interact with geological environments at scales from enzymes to global element cycles.

GEOL440. Sedimentary Basin Analysis. 4 Credits.
Evolution of sedimentary basins, emphasizing tectonic controls on basin formation and filling. Interpretation of subsidence mechanisms and sedimentary processes through analysis of the stratigraphic record.
Pre- or coreq: GEOL 334, 350.

GEOL441. Hillslope Geomorphology. 4 Credits.
Hillslope processes and landforms; includes hillslope hydrology, overland flow erosion, weathering and soil formation, soil creep, landslides and related hazards, glacial and periglacial processes, effects of land-use practices and fire, and landscape evolution.

GEOL451. Hydrogeology. 4 Credits.
Study of the origin, motion, and physical and chemical properties of ground water. Emphasizes quantitative analysis of flow and interaction with geologic materials.
Prereq: CH 222 or CH 225H; GEOL 316.

GEOL453. Tectonics. 3 Credits.
Tectonic processes and examples. Global kinematics of plates and the forces that drive them. Continental deformation in compressional, shear, and extensional settings.
Prereq: GEOL 350 and calculus.

GEOL455. Mechanical Earth. 4 Credits.
Introduction to continuum mechanics. Includes stress and strain, friction, elasticity, viscous fluids, constitutive laws, equations of motion, and deformation of the Earth.
Prereq: GEOL 315, PHYS 202, or equivalent; MATH 256.

GEOL462. Environmental Geomechanics. 4 Credits.
Application of fluid and solid mechanics to understanding processes in the earth and environmental sciences. Offered alternate years.
Prereq: GEOL 455.

GEOL463. Computational Earth Science. 4 Credits.
Practical techniques for scientific computing. Topics include root finding, curve fitting, interpolation, integration and differentiation, optimization, differential equations.
Prereq: MATH 253; GEOL 363 or equivalent.

GEOL466. Geodynamics. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the process of the earth's physical workings. Includes rheology, bending of lithosphere, viscous flow, and heat transport.
Prereq: MATH 256 or equivalent; GEOL 455.

GEOL467. Fault Mechanics. 4 Credits.
The physics of faulting throughout the earthquake cycle. Topics include fault friction, seismic rupture, earthquake triggering, and other fault zone processes. Offered alternate years.
Prereq: GEOL 315, MATH 253.

GEOL468. Introduction to Seismology. 4 Credits.
Introduction to observational, theoretical, and computational seismology. Includes review of earth structure, source representation, ray theory, and seismic wave phenomena.
Prereq: MATH 256, GEOL 455.

GEOL471. Thermodynamic Geochemistry. 4 Credits.
Introduction to geologic application of classical chemical thermodynamics. Gibbs free energy and its temperature, pressure, and composition derivatives; fugacity, activity, and chemical potential. Solutions, ideal and nonideal.
Prereq: GEOL 311 or 332, CH 223, MATH 253.

GEOL472. Aqueous-Mineral-Gas Equilibria. 4 Credits.
Aqueous chemistry applied to natural waters (geothermal, diagenetic, continental brines). Equilibrium calculations applied to aqueous-mineral-gas systems.
Prereq: CH 223; MATH 252.

GEOL473. Isotope Geochemistry. 4 Credits.
Introduction to nuclear physics and isotope systematics; techniques of isotope analysis; applications of stable and radioactive isotopes in geochronology and as tracers of geological processes.

GEOL503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL508. Laboratory Projects: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL518. Earth and Environmental Data Analysis. 4 Credits.
Tools-based instruction in data analysis for earth and environmental scientists. Topics include descriptive statistics, visualization, uncertainty analysis, hypothesis testing, regression, time series, and directional data.
Prereq: MATH 246 or 251.

GEOL520. Geocommunication. 3 Credits.
Scientific writing and presentations for the geological sciences. Focus on writing scientific papers and proposals, preparing oral and visual presentations.

GEOL525. Geology of Ore Deposits. 5 Credits.
Porphyry copper-molybdenum, epithermal, massive sulfides in volcanic rocks, and base and precious metals in sedimentary rocks. Geologic setting, alteration and ore mineral assemblages, and geochemistry of ore formation.

GEOL531. Paleontology I: Paleozoic Marine Fossils. 4 Credits.
Biostratigraphy, evolution, and paleoecology of life on earth: Paleozoic and some Mesozoic marine invertebrates. Laboratory exercises on fossil specimens.

GEOL533. Paleobotany. 4 Credits.
Evolution and ecology of plants and microbes from the origin of life to global warming. Laboratory exercises and field trip to collect plant fossils.

GEOL534. Vertebrate Paleontology. 4 Credits.
Evolution of vertebrates, including ourselves, based on fossil evidence. Physical and other evolutionary constraints are addressed, and lab exercises provide practical experience.

GEOL535. Paleopedology. 4 Credits.
Soil formation; mapping and naming fossil soils; features of soils in hand specimens and petrographic thin sections; interpretations of ancient environments from features of fossil soils.

GEOL538. Geobiology. 4 Credits.
Studies how microorganisms interact with geological environments at scales from enzymes to global element cycles.

GEOL540. Sedimentary Basin Analysis. 4 Credits.
Evolution of sedimentary basins, emphasizing tectonic controls on basin formation and filling. Interpretation of subsidence mechanisms and sedimentary processes through analysis of the stratigraphic record.

GEOL541. Hillslope Geomorphology. 4 Credits.
Hillslope processes and landforms; includes hillslope hydrology, overland flow erosion, weathering and soil formation, soil creep, landslides and related hazards, glacial and periglacial processes, effects of land-use practices and fire, and landscape evolution.

GEOL551. Hydrogeology. 4 Credits.
Study of the origin, motion, and physical and chemical properties of ground water. Emphasizes quantitative analysis of flow and interaction with geologic materials.

GEOL553. Tectonics. 3 Credits.
Tectonic processes and examples. Global kinematics of plates and the forces that drive them. Continental deformation in compressional, shear, and extensional settings.

GEOL555. Mechanical Earth. 4 Credits.
Introduction to continuum mechanics. Includes stress and strain, friction, elasticity, viscous fluids, constitutive laws, equations of motion, and deformation of the earth.

GEOL562. Environmental Geomechanics. 4 Credits.
Application of fluid and solid mechanics to understanding processes in the earth and environmental sciences. Offered alternate years.

GEOL563. Computational Earth Science. 4 Credits.
Practical techniques for scientific computing. Topics include root finding, curve fitting, interpolation, integration and differentiation, optimization, differential equations.

GEOL566. Geodynamics. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the process of the earth's physical workings. Includes rheology, bending of lithosphere, viscous flow, and heat transport.

GEOL567. Fault Mechanics. 4 Credits.
The physics of faulting throughout the earthquake cycle. Topics include fault friction, seismic rupture, earthquake triggering, and other fault zone processes. Offered alternate years.

GEOL568. Introduction to Seismology. 4 Credits.
Introduction to observational, theoretical, and computational seismology. Includes review of earth structure, source representation, ray theory, and seismic wave phenomena.

GEOL571. Thermodynamic Geochemistry. 4 Credits.
Introduction to geologic application of classical chemical thermodynamics. Gibbs free energy and its temperature, pressure, and composition derivatives; fugacity, activity, and chemical potential. Solutions, ideal and nonideal.

GEOL572. Aqueous-Mineral-Gas Equilibria. 4 Credits.
Aqueous chemistry applied to natural waters (geothermal, diagenetic, continental brines). Equilibrium calculations applied to aqueous-mineral-gas systems.
Prereq: CH 223; MATH 252.

GEOL573. Isotope Geochemistry. 4 Credits.
Introduction to nuclear physics and isotope systematics; techniques of isotope analysis; applications of stable and radioactive isotopes in geochronology and as tracers of geological processes.

GEOL601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL602. Supervised College Teaching. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable. Geologic fieldwork principally in connection with graduate thesis or dissertation. Emphasis on individual problems.

GEOL607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL608. Laboratory Projects: [Topic]. 1-3 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL609. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-3 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOL619. Electron Beam Analysis. 4 Credits.
Electron probe microanalysis and scanning electron microscopy for analyzing minerals and advanced materials. Instrumental functions and beam-specimen interaction. Correction procedures for quantitative x-ray analysis. X-ray and back-scattered image analysis.

GEOL620. Advanced Igneous Petrology. 3 Credits.
Ingeous rocks of the ocean basins, continental margins, and stable continental interior including basalts, calcalkaline series, and granites. Content varies according to research interests.
Prereq: GEOL 414/514, 471/571 or equivalent.

GEOL650. Advanced Structural Geology: [Topic]. 3 Credits.
Quantitative analysis of structures, focusing on faults and fault-related structures. Problems involve stress and strain inversion from map and field data. Repeatable twice with instructor's consent for maximum of 9 credits.

GEOL692. Volcanology. 3 Credits.
Products and processes of volcanism, origin of magmas, eruptive mechanisms, and relation of volcanism to orogeny and tectonic processes.