

Earth Sciences (BA/BS)

Students in the Department of Earth Sciences learn about the minerals, rocks, soils, and waters that make up the earth, and the processes that shape the earth from deep in its interior to the atmosphere. Earth science applies the basic sciences of physics, biology, chemistry, and mathematics to understanding processes that have shaped the earth and other planetary bodies. Earth scientists combine field investigations with laboratory experiments and theoretical studies to understand the physical, chemical and biological processes that govern the behavior and interactions of complex earth systems.

Earth science applications include natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides and volcanic eruptions that affect humans. Other subdisciplines investigate how humans alter the earth's environments, where we pollute rivers and ground water, cause rapid erosion, attempt to re-engineer rivers and shorelines, and alter the earth's atmosphere, oceans, and global climate. Earth science research also includes the study of the deep earth to understand processes that drive the motions of tectonic plates and generate the earth's magnetic field.

Environmental Geoscience Track

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency with modern quantitative tools that are used in the Earth sciences.
- When confronted with real-world Earth science problems, develop and test hypotheses in a systematic way while stating caveats and assumptions.
- Recognize, describe, and quantify dynamic processes that operate on the Earth's surface environments, as well as the interaction of humans with these environments.

Geology Track

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency with modern quantitative tools that are used in the Earth sciences.
- When confronted with real-world Earth science problems, develop and test hypotheses in a systematic way while stating caveats and assumptions.
- Use techniques from modern earth science disciplines to solve complex problems across a diversity of scales through time and space that require consistent geological reasoning.

Geophysics Track

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency with modern quantitative tools that are used in the Earth Sciences.
- When confronted with real-world Earth science problems, develop and test hypotheses in a systematic way while stating caveats and assumptions.

- Develop a foundation in mathematics and physics that enables them to quantitatively describe key aspects of fundamental Earth processes.

Paleontology Track

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency with modern quantitative tools that are used in the Earth sciences.
- When confronted with real-world Earth science problems, develop and test hypotheses in a systematic way while stating caveats and assumptions.
- Demonstrate proficiency with the tools and techniques necessary to recognize geological evidence and reconstruct geological history for biological processes that have driven the evolution of life, as preserved in fossils extracted from ancient rocks.
- Geology (<https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/natural-sciences/earth-sci/ug-earth-sciences/#conc-geology>)
- Geophysics (<https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/natural-sciences/earth-sci/ug-earth-sciences/#conc-geophysics>)
- Environmental Geoscience (<https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/natural-sciences/earth-sci/ug-earth-sciences/#conc-environmental>)
- Paleontology (<https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/natural-sciences/earth-sci/ug-earth-sciences/#conc-paleontology>)

Earth Sciences Major - Geology Track

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ERTH 101 or ERTH 201	Exploring Planet Earth ¹ Dynamic Planet Earth	4
ERTH 102 or ERTH 202	Exploring Earth's Environment ¹ Earth's Surface and Environment	4
ERTH 103 or ERTH 203	Exploring Earth History ¹ History of Life	4
PHYS 201–202 or PHYS 251 & PHYS 252	General Physics Foundations of Physics I and Foundations of Physics I	8
CH 221Z & CH 222Z or CH 221HZ & CH 222HZ	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	8
MATH 251Z & MATH 252Z	Differential Calculus and Integral Calculus	8
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
ERTH 418 or MATH 253Z or MATH 343 or MATH 425	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis Calculus: Sequences and Series Statistical Models and Methods Statistical Methods I	4
ERTH 363 or CS 122	Computational Tools for Earth Sciences Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	4

Additional Requirements

ERTH 331	Mineralogy	5
ERTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	5
ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
ERTH 350 & ERTH 351 & ERTH 352	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Problems and Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	5

Field Studies: 12

ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	
Or they can combine for 12 credits:		
ERTH 319 & ERTH 406	Field Studies Oregon Geology and Field Studies: [Topic]	

Electives

See Electives table for choices	20
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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

Code	Title	Credits
Biology		
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH 223Z	General Chemistry III	4
CH 223HZ	General Chemistry III	4
CH 227Z	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CH 228Z	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CH 229Z	General Chemistry III Laboratory	1
CH 331	Organic Chemistry I	4
CH 335	Organic Chemistry II	4
CH 336	Organic Chemistry III	4
CH 411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH 431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH 445	Statistical Mechanics	4
Computer Science		
CS 210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CS 315	Intermediate Algorithms	4
Geography		
GEOG 321	Climatology	4
GEOG 322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG 323	Biogeography	4
GEOG 360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG 361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG 421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG 423	Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]	4
GEOG 425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG 427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG 430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG 481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG 485–486	Remote Sensing I-II	8

GEOG 491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG 494	Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG 495	Geographic Data Analysis	4

Earth Sciences

Select from ERTH 304–310		4
ERTH 353	Geologic Hazards	4
ERTH 399	Special Studies: [Topic] ^{i.e. Building an Atmosphere}	4
ERTH 401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
ERTH 403	Thesis	1-6
ERTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
ERTH 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5

Courses higher than 410 such as:

ERTH 416		4
ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4
ERTH 420	Geocommunication	3
ERTH 423M	Introduction to Space Physics	4
ERTH 434	Vertebrate Paleontology	4
ERTH 436	Paleoecology and Functional Morphology	4
ERTH 441	Hillslope Geomorphology	4
ERTH 451	Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 453		3
ERTH 454	Fluid Dynamics	4
ERTH 455	Mechanical Earth	4
ERTH 456	Signal Processing	4
ERTH 468	Introduction to Seismology	4
ERTH 471	Thermodynamic Geochemistry	4
ERTH 473	Isotope Geochemistry	4
ERTH 474	Soil and Environmental Chemistry	4
ERTH 480	Volcanology	4

Mathematics

MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH 341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH 411	Functions of a Complex Variable I	4
MATH 421M	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I	4

MATH 422		4
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Physics

PHYS 203	General Physics	4
or PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS 204–206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	6
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I	4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12

Earth Sciences Major - Geophysics Track

Code	Title	Credits
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
ERTH 363	Computational Tools for Earth Sciences	4
or CS 122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	

PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 251Z–253Z	Calculus: Differential, Integral, and Sequences & Series	12
CH 221Z & CH 222Z	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	8
or CH 221HZ & CH 222HZ	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	
ERTH 455	Mechanical Earth	4
Additional Requirements		
Select two of the following:		8
ERTH 423M	Introduction to Space Physics	
ERTH 441	Hillslope Geomorphology	
ERTH 451	Hydrogeology	
ERTH 453		
ERTH 454	Fluid Dynamics	
ERTH 468	Introduction to Seismology	
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
or PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		28
Total Credits		104

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Chemistry		
CH 223Z	General Chemistry III	4
CH 223HZ	General Chemistry III	4
CH 411	Physical Chemistry	4
Earth Sciences		
Select from EARTH 101– EARTH 310		8
ERTH 311	Earth Materials	5
ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
ERTH 331	Mineralogy	5
ERTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	5
ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
ERTH 350	Structural Geology	3
ERTH 351	Structural Geology Problems	1
ERTH 352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1
ERTH 353	Geologic Hazards	4
ERTH 399	Special Studies: [Topic] ^{i.e. Building an Atmosphere}	4
ERTH 401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
ERTH 403	Thesis	1-6
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
ERTH 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5
Courses numbered 410 or higher including:		
ERTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5
ERTH 416		4
ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4

ERTH 420	Geocommunication	3
ERTH 434	Vertebrate Paleontology	4
ERTH 436	Paleoecology and Functional Morphology	4
ERTH 456	Signal Processing	4
ERTH 471	Thermodynamic Geochemistry	4
ERTH 473	Isotope Geochemistry	4
ERTH 474	Soil and Environmental Chemistry	4
ERTH 480	Volcanology	4

Mathematics

Up to 8 credits from the following

MATH 341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8
MATH 411	Functions of a Complex Variable I	4
MATH 421M	Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I	4
MATH 422		4

Computer Sciences

Up to 8 credits from the following

CS 210	Computer Science I	4
CS 211	Computer Science II	4
CS 212	Computer Science III	4

Earth Sciences Major - Environmental Geoscience Track

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements (60 or 65 credits)		
ERTH 101	Exploring Planet Earth ¹	4
or EARTH 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
ERTH 102	Exploring Earth's Environment ¹	4
or EARTH 202	Earth's Surface and Environment	
ERTH 103	Exploring Earth History ¹	4
or EARTH 203	History of Life	
ERTH 311	Earth Materials	5
or EARTH 331 & EARTH 332	Mineralogy and Introduction to Petrology	
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
ERTH 363	Computational Tools for Earth Sciences	4
or CS 122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	
PHYS 201 & PHYS 202	General Physics and General Physics	8
or PHYS 251 & PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I and Foundations of Physics I	
CH 221Z & CH 222Z	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	8
or CH 221HZ & CH 222HZ	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II	
MATH 251Z–252Z	Calculus: Differential/Integral	8
or MATH 246 & MATH 247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I and Calculus for the Biological Sciences II	
ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4

or MATH 253Z Calculus: Sequences and Series

or MATH 343 Statistical Models and Methods

or MATH 425 Statistical Methods I

Electives	
See Electives table for choices	44
Total Credits	104

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Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Group A		24
ERTH 310	Earth Resources and the Environment	4
ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
ERTH 353	Geologic Hazards	4
ERTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Physical Oceanography)	1-5
ERTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic] (Soil and Environmental Chemistry)	1-5
ERTH 438		4
ERTH 441	Hillslope Geomorphology	4
ERTH 451	Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 455	Mechanical Earth	4
ERTH 462		4
ERTH 474	Soil and Environmental Chemistry	4
ENVS 477	Soil Science	4
Group B		20
Group A elective courses beyond 24 credits		
Earth Sciences		
ERTH 301 to EARTH 309 (up to 4 credits)		4
ERTH 350	Structural Geology	3
ERTH 351	Structural Geology Problems	1
ERTH 352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1
ERTH 401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
ERTH 403	Thesis	1-6
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
ERTH 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5
ERTH 410 and above if not taken as a Group A elective		4
Biology		
BI 222Z	Principles of Biology: Organisms	5
BI 223Z	Principles of Biology: Ecology and Evolution	5
BI 214	General Biology IV: Biochemistry and Genetics	5
Chemistry		
CH 223Z	General Chemistry III	4
CH 227Z	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CH 228Z	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CH 229Z	General Chemistry III Laboratory	1
CH 331	Organic Chemistry I	4
Any Chemistry course from 331 to 499		

Computer Science

CS 210	Computer Science I	4
CS 211	Computer Science II	4
CS 212	Computer Science III	4
Environmental Science		
ENVS 350		4
ENVS 465	Wetland Ecology and Management	4
Geography		
GEOG 321	Climatology	4
GEOG 322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG 323	Biogeography	4
GEOG 360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG 361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG 421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG 425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG 427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG 430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG 433	Fire and Natural Disturbances	4
GEOG 481	GIScience I	4
GEOG 482	GIScience II	4
GEOG 485	Remote Sensing I	4
GEOG 486	Remote Sensing II	4
GEOG 490	GIScience: [Topic]	4
GEOG 491	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	4
GEOG 494	Spatial Analysis	4
GEOG 495	Geographic Data Analysis	4
Mathematics		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II	4
MATH 341	Elementary Linear Algebra	4
MATH 342	Elementary Linear Algebra	4
MATH 411	Functions of a Complex Variable I	4
MATH 412		4
MATH 422		4

Earth Sciences - Paleontology Track

Code	Title	Credits
ERTH 101	Exploring Planet Earth ¹	4
or EARTH 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
ERTH 102	Exploring Earth's Environment ¹	4
or EARTH 202	Earth's Surface and Environment	
ERTH 103	Exploring Earth History ¹	4
or EARTH 203	History of Life	
ERTH 311	Earth Materials	5
or EARTH 331	Mineralogy	
or EARTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
or EARTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	
ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
ERTH 363	Computational Tools for Earth Sciences	4
or CS 122	Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving	
ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4

or MATH 253Z	Calculus: Sequences and Series	
or MATH 343	Statistical Models and Methods	
or MATH 425	Statistical Methods I	
BI 221Z	Principles of Biology: Cells	5
BI 222Z	Principles of Biology: Organisms	5
or BI 223Z	Principles of Biology: Ecology and Evolution	
CH 221Z	General Chemistry I	8
& CH 222Z	and General Chemistry II	
or CH 221HZ	General Chemistry I	
& CH 222HZ	and General Chemistry II	
MATH 246–247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I-II	8
or MATH 251Z-252Z	Calculus: Differential/Integral	
PHYS 201	General Physics	4
or PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I	
Additional Requirements		
ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
ERTH 350	Structural Geology	5
& ERTH 351	and Structural Geology Problems	
& ERTH 352	and Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	
Field Studies:		12
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	
Select two of the following:		8
ERTH 434	Vertebrate Paleontology	
ERTH 436	Paleoecology and Functional Morphology	
Electives		
See Electives table for choices		16
Total Credits		107

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Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTH 361	Human Evolution	4
ANTH 366	Human Osteology Laboratory	4
ANTH 462	Primate Evolution	4
ANTH 467	Paleoecology and Human Evolution	4
ANTH 471	Zooarchaeology: [Topic]	4
ANTH 479	Taphonomy: Bones, Bugs, and Burials	4
Biology		
Courses numbered 306 or higher		
Chemistry		
CH 227Z	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CH 228Z	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CH 229Z	General Chemistry III Laboratory	1
CH 223Z	General Chemistry III	4
CH 331	Organic Chemistry I	4
CH 335	Organic Chemistry II	4
CH 336	Organic Chemistry III	4

CH 411–413	Physical Chemistry	12
CH 431–433	Inorganic Chemistry	12
CH 445	Statistical Mechanics	4

Computer Science

CS 210–212	Computer Science I-III	12
CS 315	Intermediate Algorithms	4

Geography

GEOG 321	Climatology	4
GEOG 322	Geomorphology	4
GEOG 323	Biogeography	4
GEOG 360	Watershed Science and Policy	4
GEOG 361	Global Environmental Change	4
GEOG 421	Advanced Climatology: [Topic]	4
GEOG 425	Hydrology and Water Resources	4
GEOG 427	Fluvial Geomorphology	4
GEOG 430	Long-Term Environmental Change	4
GEOG 481–482	GIScience I-II	8
GEOG 495	Geographic Data Analysis	4

Earth Sciences

One from ERTH 304 - ERTH 310		4
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
ERTH 353	Geologic Hazards	4
ERTH 401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
ERTH 403	Thesis	1-6
ERTH 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1-5
ERTH 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	1-5

Courses higher than 410

Mathematics

MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
MATH 341–342	Elementary Linear Algebra	8

Physics

PHYS 202	General Physics	4
PHYS 203	General Physics	4
PHYS 204	Introductory Physics Laboratory	2
PHYS 205	Introductory Physics Laboratory	2
PHYS 206	Introductory Physics Laboratory	2
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I	4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12

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

- submit a short letter, approved by the faculty research advisor and addressed to the head undergraduate advisor in earth sciences, stating the nature of the research and asserting that there is faculty supervision
- 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:

Code	Title	Credits
ERTH 401	Research: [Topic]	1-21
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	1-6
ERTH 408	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 Earth Sciences.

Honors Program in Earth Sciences

Application for graduation with honors in earth 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

- maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or better in geological sciences courses or a 3.00 or better in all science courses
- 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] (ERTH 401) the term before they intend to graduate, and 3 credits of Thesis (ERTH 403) the term of graduation. These credits may be applied toward electives.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

- Geology Track
- Geophysics Track
- Environmental Geoscience Track
- Paleontology Track

Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences: Geology Track

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
MATH 111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
CH 221Z	General Chemistry I	4	
or	or General Chemistry I		
CH 221HZ			

ERTH 101	Exploring Planet Earth	4
or	or Dynamic Planet Earth	
ERTH 201		

Credits		16
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Winter

ERTH 102	Exploring Earth’s Environment	4
or	or Earth’s Surface and Environment	
ERTH 202		

MATH 112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4
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CH 222Z	General Chemistry II	4
or	or General Chemistry II	
CH 222HZ		

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits		16
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Spring

ERTH 103	Exploring Earth History	4
or	or History of Life	
ERTH 203		

WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 123	or College Composition III	

MATH 246	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I	4
or	or Differential Calculus	
MATH 251Z		

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits		16
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Second Year

Fall

PHYS 201	General Physics	4
or	or Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS 251		

MATH 247	Calculus for the Biological Sciences II	4
or	or Integral Calculus	
MATH 252Z		

ERTH 331	Mineralogy	5
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits		17
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Winter

PHYS 202	General Physics	4
or	or Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS 252		

ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4
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ERTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	5
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits		17
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Spring

PHYS 203	General Physics	4
or	or Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS 253	or General Chemistry III	
or	or General Chemistry III	
CH 223Z		
or		
CH 223HZ		

ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4

Credits	15
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Third Year**Fall**

ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4
or	or Calculus: Sequences and Series	
MATH 253Z	or Statistical Models and Methods	
	or Statistical Methods I	
or	or Design of Experiments	
MATH 343		
or		
MATH 425		
or		
PHYS 481		

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses		8
Geology elective		4

Credits	16
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Winter

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses		8
Geology elective		4

Credits	12
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Spring

ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
ERTH 350	Structural Geology	3
ERTH 351	Structural Geology Problems	1
ERTH 352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits	13
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Summer

ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4
ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4

Credits	12
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Fourth Year**Fall**

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses		8
Geology or other science elective		4

Credits	12
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Winter

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses		8
Geology or other science elective		4

Credits	12
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Spring

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses		8
Geology or other science elective		4

Credits	12
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Total Credits	186
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Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences: Geophysics Track

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
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First Year**Fall**

ERTH 101	Exploring Planet Earth	4
or	or Exploring Earth's Environment	
ERTH 102		
MATH 111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
CH 221Z	General Chemistry I	4
or	or General Chemistry I	
CH 221HZ		

Credits	16
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Winter

ERTH 102	Exploring Earth's Environment	4
or	or Earth's Surface and Environment	
ERTH 202		
MATH 112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4
CH 222Z	General Chemistry II	4
or	or General Chemistry II	
CH 222HZ		

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits	16
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Spring

WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 123	or College Composition III	
MATH 246	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I	4
or	or Differential Calculus	
MATH 251Z		

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4
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Credits	12
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Second Year**Fall**

PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I	4
MATH 252Z	Integral Calculus	4
ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4

Credits	15
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Winter

PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I	4
MATH 253Z	Calculus: Sequences and Series	4
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
Credits	16
Spring	
PHYS 253 Foundations of Physics I	4
ERTH 311 Earth Materials	5
ERTH 316 Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
Credits	17
Third Year	
Fall	
MATH 256 Introduction to Differential Equations	4
PHYS 351 Foundations of Physics II	4
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
Credits	12
Winter	
MATH 281 Several-Variable Calculus I	4
PHYS 352 Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics I	4
ERTH 455 Mechanical Earth	4
Credits	12
Spring	
MATH 282 Several-Variable Calculus II	4
PHYS 353 Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics II	4
Earth Sciences or other science elective	8
Credits	16
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
Earth Science or other science elective	12
Credits	16
Winter	
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
Earth Sciences or other science elective	8
Credits	16
Spring	
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
Earth Sciences or other science elective	8
Credits	16
Total Credits	180

Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences: Environmental Geoscience Track

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
ERTH 101 or ERTH 102	Exploring Planet Earth or Exploring Earth's Environment	4	
MATH 111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
CH 221Z or CH 221HZ	General Chemistry I or General Chemistry I	4	
Credits		16	
Winter			
ERTH 102 or ERTH 202	Exploring Earth's Environment or Earth's Surface and Environment	4	
MATH 112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4	
CH 222Z or CH 222HZ	General Chemistry II or General Chemistry II	4	
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4	
Credits		16	
Spring			
ERTH 103 or ERTH 203	Exploring Earth History or History of Life	4	
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III	4	
MATH 246 or MATH 251Z	Calculus for the Biological Sciences I or Differential Calculus	4	
Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course		4	
Credits		16	
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 201 or PHYS 251	General Physics or Foundations of Physics I	4	
MATH 247 or MATH 252Z	Calculus for the Biological Sciences II or Integral Calculus	4	
ERTH 311	Earth Materials	5	
Geology elective		4	
Credits		17	
Winter			
PHYS 202 or BI 221Z	General Physics or Principles of Biology: Cells	4	
ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4	
ERTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	5	

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Credits	17
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Spring

PHYS 203	General Physics	4
or	or Foundations of Physics I	
PHYS 253	or Principles of Biology: Organisms	
or BI 222Z	or Principles of Biology: Ecology and Evolution	
or BI 223Z	or General Chemistry III	
	or General Chemistry III	
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CH 223Z		
or		
CH 223HZ		

ERTH 311	Earth Materials	5
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ERTH 316	Introduction to Hydrogeology	4
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Credits	17
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Third Year**Fall**

ERTH 310	Earth Resources and the Environment	4
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ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Credits	15
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Winter

ERTH 353	Geologic Hazards	4
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ERTH 451	Hydrogeology	4
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ERTH 418	Earth and Environmental Data Analysis	4
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Credits	16
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Spring

ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
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GEOG 323	Biogeography	4
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Geology elective	4
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Credits	16
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Fourth Year**Fall**

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Geology or other science elective	8
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Credits	16
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Winter

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Geology or other science elective	8
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Credits	16
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Spring

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	12
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Geology or other science elective	4
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Credits	16
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Total Credits	194
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Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences: Paleontology Track

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
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First Year**Fall**

ERTH 101	Exploring Planet Earth	4	
or	or Dynamic Planet Earth		
ERTH 201			

MATH 111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4	
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WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
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CH 221Z	General Chemistry I	4	
or	or General Chemistry I		
CH 221HZ			

Credits	16
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Winter

ERTH 102	Exploring Earth's Environment	4	
or	or Earth's Surface and Environment		
ERTH 202			

MATH 112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4	
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CH 222Z	General Chemistry II	4	
or	or General Chemistry II		
CH 222HZ			

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4		
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Credits	16
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Spring

ERTH 103	Exploring Earth History	4	
or	or History of Life		
ERTH 203			

WR 122Z	Composition II	4	
or WR 123	or College Composition III		

CH 223Z	General Chemistry III	4	
or	or General Chemistry III		
CH 223HZ			

MATH 251Z	Differential Calculus	4	
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Credits	16
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Second Year**Fall**

PHYS 201	General Physics	4	
or	or Foundations of Physics I		
PHYS 251			

BI 221Z	Principles of Biology: Cells	5	
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MATH 252Z	Integral Calculus	4	
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ERTH 331	Mineralogy	5	
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Credits	18
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Winter

PHYS 202	General Physics	4	
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ERTH 315	Earth Physics	4	
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ERTH 332	Introduction to Petrology	5	
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Credits	17
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Spring

PHYS 203	General Physics	4
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ERTH 318	Introduction to Field Methods	3
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Credits	15
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Third Year**Fall**

ERTH 434 or ERTH 436	Vertebrate Paleontology or Paleocology and Functional Morphology	4
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Geology or other science elective	4
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These courses are typically offered in alternate years, so enrollment is necessary in the third or fourth year according to availability

Contact advisor or department office for scheduling of these courses

Credits	12
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Winter

ERTH 436 or ERTH 434	Paleocology and Functional Morphology or Vertebrate Paleontology	4
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Geology or other science course	4
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Credits	12
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Spring

ERTH 334	Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	4
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ERTH 350	Structural Geology	3
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ERTH 351	Structural Geology Problems	1
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ERTH 352	Structural Geology Laboratory and Field	1
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Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying course	4
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Credits	13
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Summer

ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4
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ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4
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ERTH 406	Field Studies: [Topic]	4
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Credits	12
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Fourth Year**Fall**

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Geology or other science elective	8
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Credits	16
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Winter

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	8
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Geology or other science elective	8
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Credits	16
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Spring

Core-education, cultural literacy, or other area-satisfying courses	12
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Geology or other science elective	4
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Credits	16
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Total Credits	195
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