# University Core and Graduation Requirements

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*These classes can fill both university core and program requirements (9-14 hours overlap)*

## Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

### FRESHMAN YEAR

**1st Semester**
- First-year writing: 3.0
- GEOL 111 (FW): 4.0
- CHEM 105 or CHEM 111: 4.0
- Religion Cornerstone course: 2.0
- Total Hours: 13.0

**2nd Semester**
- American Heritage: 3.0
- CHEM 106, 107 (FWSpSu) or CHEM 112: 3-4.0
- GEOL 112: 4.0
- MATH 112: 4.0
- Total Hours: 14-15.0

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

**3rd Semester**
- GEOL 210 (F) (Begin meeting before start of Fall semester): 3.0
- GEOL 230 (F): 3.0
- GEOL 351 (F): 4.0
- GEOL 375: 4.0
- Religion Cornerstone course: 2.0
- Total Hours: 16.0

**4th Semester**
- General Elective: 3.0
- GEOL 352 (W): 3.0
- GEOL 370 (W): 3.0
- PHSCS 105: 3.0
- Religion Cornerstone course: 2.0
- Total Hours: 14.0

### JUNIOR YEAR

**5th Semester**
- WRTG 316 (FWSpSu): 3.0
- GEOL 419R (FW): 0.5
- GEOL 491R (F): 0.5
- GEOL 375: 3.0
- Civilization 2: 3.0
- Religion elective: 2.0
- Total Hours: 14.5

**6th Semester**
- GEOL 400-level elective: 3.0
- GEOL 419R (F): 0.5
- GEOL 422: 2.0
- Total Hours: 14.0

**Spring/Summer**
- GEOL 420: 2.0
- GEOL 421: 2.0
- Total Hours: 6.0

### SENIOR YEAR

**7th Semester**
- GEOL 400-level elective: 3.0
- GEOL 419R (FW): 0.5
- Global & Cultural Awareness: 3.0
- Letters: 3.0
- Religion Elective: 2.0
- Total Hours: 14.5

**8th Semester**
- GEOL 400-level elective: 3.0
- GEOL 419R (FW): 0.5
- Social Science: 3.0
- Arts: 3.0
- Religion Elective: 2.0
- Biological Science: 3.0
- Total Hours: 14.5

*Note: The sequence of courses suggested may not fit the circumstances of every student. Students should contact their college advisement center for help in outlining an efficient schedule.*

**Note:** Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
BS in Geology (694022)
2020-2021 Program Requirements (74 - 75 Credit Hours)

REQUIREMENT 1: Complete 11 courses
GEOL 111 - Physical Geology 4.0
GEOL 112 - Historical Geology 4.0
*GEOL 210 - Field Studies 3.0
GEOL 230 - Geological Communications 3.0
GEOL 351 - Mineralogy 4.0
GEOL 352 - Petrology 3.0
GEOL 370 - Sedimentology and Stratigraphy 3.0
GEOL 375 - Structural Geology 3.0
GEOL 420 - Geological Field Methods 2.0
GEOL 421 - Geological Mapping 2.0
GEOL 422 - Geologic Writing 2.0

REQUIREMENT 2: Complete 2.0 hours from the following course(s)
TAKE 4 TIMES.
GEOL 491R - Geology Seminar 0.5

REQUIREMENT 3: Complete 4 courses
GEOL 405 - Applied Mathematics in the Geological Sciences 3.0
GEOL 411 - Geomorphology and Remote Sensing 3.0
GEOL 435 - Introduction to Groundwater 3.0
GEOL 440 - Solid Earth Geophysics 3.0
GEOL 445 - Geochemistry 3.0
GEOL 452 - Petrography to Petrogenesis 3.0
GEOL 460 - Economic and Resource Geology 3.0
GEOL 476 - Introduction to Seismic Interpretation 3.0
GEOL 480 - Paleontology 3.0

REQUIREMENT 4: Complete 1 option
OPTION 4.1: Complete 3 courses
CHEM 105 - General College Chemistry 1 with Lab (Integrated) 4.0
CHEM 106 - General College Chemistry 2 3.0
CHEM 107 - General College Chemistry Laboratory 1.0

OPTION 4.2: Complete 2 courses
CHEM 111 - Principles of Chemistry 1 4.0
CHEM 112 - Principles of Chemistry 2 3.0

REQUIREMENT 5: Complete 6 courses
MATH 112 - Calculus 1 4.0
MATH 113 - Calculus 2 4.0
PHSCS 105 - General Physics 1 3.0
PHSCS 106 - General Physics 2 3.0
STAT 121 - Principles of Statistics 3.0
*WRTG 316 - Technical Communication 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6: All students are required to construct a portfolio of their work that includes samples of their writing, scientific data analysis, and presentations; both oral and written. The portfolio will be evaluated during the semester before graduation.

THE DISCIPLINE
Geological sciences consist of a number of disciplines aimed at understanding the Earth’s origin and development and the natural processes that have operated upon it and within it from the time of formation of the solar system. With the development of remote sensing technology and the exploration of the solar system by spacecraft, geological sciences have become increasingly important for understanding not only the Earth but the Moon, other planets and their moons, and small bodies that orbit the sun.

Understanding the dynamic processes of Earth and other planets is relevant to many societal needs, such as assessment and forecasting of natural hazards, environmental change, and discovery of energy and mineral resources. Some of the diverse disciplines that can be studied in this department include general geology, plate tectonics, volcanology, geochemistry, geophysics, paleontology, environmental geology, petroleum geology, hydrogeology, paleoclimatology, and planetary geology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have the opportunity to work both outdoors and in the laboratory, pursuing careers in energy, mineral, and water resources or in environmental evaluation with industry, government, or consulting firms. The substantial preparation in basic sciences and mathematics also leads to a broad spectrum of teaching opportunities. Some scholarship money is available for those who pursue a geological sciences degree as a pre-law track.

The most marketable terminal degree in geological sciences is the MS. Starting salaries for this degree are often very competitive with any other discipline.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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