Bachelor of Arts in Geology

The B.A. in Geology, General Geology Concentration is recommended for students planning a career in public service and education (e.g. government agencies, park rangers and K-12 science teaching), non-profit or non-governmental environmental organizations, or pre-environmental law. This Concentration has maximum elective flexibility to produce an experience tailored to the needs of the student.

The B.A. in Geology, Field and Applied Geology Concentration is recommended for students planning to become professional geologists employed by environmental and geo-technical firms, governmental agencies, oil and mining companies, and for those students planning to pursue a graduate degree in geology. Emphasizing field and applied geology courses, and experiential learning, this program is designed to permit students to meet existing requirements for Professional Licensing.

Geology majors must earn a grade of "C-" (1.7) or better in all required geology courses for those courses to satisfy the degree requirements for a B.A. degree in Geology. No more than 3 units of elective may be from supervision courses. At least 3 units of elective must be from GEOL courses. Students may not earn credit for both concentrations.

Requirements (69-75 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120

Requirements for the B.A. in Geology

Lower-division requirements (22-25)

Choose one of the following courses, with laboratory 4-5
CHEM 2050 Survey of General Chemistry
CHEM 2050L Survey of General Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 2100 General Chemistry I
CHEM 2100L General Chemistry I Laboratory

Choose one from the following (fulfills GE category B4) 3-4
MATH 1401 Accelerated Preparation for Calculus
MATH 1601 Modeling with Calculus

Choose one of the following courses, with laboratory 4-5
PHYS 1000 Physics in the Modern World
& 1000L Physics in the Modern World Lab
PHYS 2000 Introduction to Physics I
& 2000L Introduction to Physics I Lab
PHYS 2500 General Physics I
& 2500L General Physics I Lab

Upper-division requirements (34)

GEOL 2000 Interpreting Earth Systems History: Stories from an Ancient Planet
GEOL 2500 Geology of California

GEOL 3100 Introduction to Geologic Mapping
GEOL 3200 Mineralogy
GEOL 3220 Introduction to Geochemistry
GEOL 3240 Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology
GEOL 3300 Sedimentary Geology: Principles and Applications
GEOL 3600 Structural Geology
GEOL 3700 Groundwater Hydrology
GEOL 3990 Geological Research Design
GEOL 4000 Undergraduate Geological Research
GEOL 4900 Senior Seminar

Concentration (13-16)

Students must satisfy the requirements of one of the concentrations 13-16 listed below.

Total Units 69-75

Concentrations (13-16 units)

General Geology Concentration (13 units)

(Program Code GEOL)

Requirements (13)

A minimum of 13 units chosen from the following (no more than 3 units from supervision courses):

- 3100-level or above GEOL courses not previously used for the degree
- 2000-level and higher courses in MATH, BIOL, CHEM, or PHYS not previously used for the degree, up to 6 units
- GEOG 2250 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Cartography
- GEOG 3710 Advanced Geographic Information Systems
- MATH 2265 Statistics with Applications
- GEOG 4250 Watershed Hydrology and Management
- GEOG 4400 Geomorphology
- HSCI 5557 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

Total Units 13

Field and Applied Geology Concentration (16 units)

(Program Code: GEFA)

Requirements (16)

GEOL 4100 Engineering Geology

Six units chosen from:
- GEOL 3902 Advanced Field Geology (2)
- GEOL 3903 Advanced Field Geology (3)
- GEOL 3904 Advanced Field Geology (4)
- GEOL 3906 Advanced Field Geology (6)
- GEOL 5280 Digital Mapping and GIS for Scientists (3)

A minimum of 6 units chosen from:
- GEOG 4400 Geomorphology (3)

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