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
MATH 2210 Calculus I
Choose one of the following courses, with laboratory 4-5
PHYS 1000 & 1000L Physics in the Modern World and Physics in the Modern World Lab
PHYS 2000 & 2000L Introduction to Physics I and Introduction to Physics I Lab
PHYS 2500 & 2500L General Physics I and General Physics I Lab
Choose one of the following courses: 3
GEOL 1000 Introductory Geology
GEOL 1020 Plate Tectonics: Key to Understanding Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tsunami
GEOL 1060 Environmental Geology and Geological Hazards
Choose one of the following laboratories: 1
GEOL 1000L Introductory Geology Laboratory

Upper-division requirements (34)

GEOL 2000 Interpreting Earth Systems History: Stories from an Ancient Planet 4
GEOL 2500 Geology of California 3

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

General Geology Concentration (13 units)

Requirements (13)

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

GEOL 3902 Advanced Field Geology (2)
GEOL 3903 Advanced Field Geology (3)
GEOL 3904 Advanced Field Geology (4)
GEOL 3906 Advanced Field Geology (6)

Field and Applied Geology Concentration (16 units)

Requirements (16)

GEOL 4100 Engineering Geology 4

Total Units 69-75
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**Total Units** 16