GEOL Courses

GEOL 102. Introduction to Geology. 4 units
GE Area B3
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Processes responsible for the Earth's minerals, rocks, and structure surface features. Volcanism; mountain building; plate tectonics; weathering. Erosion and deposition by streams, glaciers, wind and waves. Geological resources, earth hazards, and interaction of man with global processes. 3 lectures, 1 discussion. Fulfills GE B3.

GEOL 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-2 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.
Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 4 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter.

GEOL 201. Physical Geology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: MATH 119.
Processes responsible for the Earth's rocks, structural surface features, geologic hazards, and natural resources, with emphasis on interactions with human activities. 3 lectures.

GEOL 203. Fossils and the History of Life. 4 units
GE Area B5
Term Typically Offered: W

GEOL 205. Earthquakes. 4 units
GE Area B3
Term Typically Offered: TBD

GEOL 206. Geologic Excursions. 1 unit
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F, SP
Field trips to places of geologic interest. The Class Schedule will indicate destinations. Students must provide their own transportation, food, and camping equipment. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 units provided field trips are taken to different locations. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 241. Physical Geology Laboratory. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Corequisite: GEOL 102 or GEOL 201.
Properties and identification of minerals and rocks. Topographic maps and landform analysis. Geologic maps and interpretation of rock structure. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 242. Geologic Mapping Laboratory. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Corequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of rock structure. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 243. Stratigraphy Laboratory. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Corequisite: GEOL 241.
Description and analysis of stratified rock and sediment. Sedimentology, diagenesis, transgressive/regressive sequences, bedform interpretation, marine and terrestrial sediment and sedimentary-rock sequence interpretation, and sequence stratigraphy. Required field trips. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 244. Oceanography Laboratory. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Corequisite: GEOL 241.
Introduction to oceanography. Tides, currents, waves, sea-floor processes, and marine environments. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 245. Geophysical Methods. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: MATH 142 or PHYS 141.
Introduction to geophysical methods. Sources of data. Terrain and weather effects. Techniques in seismology, gravimetry, magnetic studies, and radar. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 246. Oceanic Geology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: GEOL 102 or GEOL 201.
Study of the ocean floor and its relationship to the geology of the oceans. Processes responsible for the ocean floor. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 247. Geologic Excursions. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Geologic study trips. Field trips are taken to different locations. Credit/No Credit grading only. 1 unit.

GEOL 248. Oceanic Geology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 245.
Continuation of GEOL 245; application of geophysical principles to oceanic geology. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 249. Oceanic Geology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 245.
Continuation of GEOL 245; application of geophysical principles to oceanic geology. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 250. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 251. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 252. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 253. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 254. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 255. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 256. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 257. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 258. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 259. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 260. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 261. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 262. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 263. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 264. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 265. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 266. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 267. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 268. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 269. Geologic Maps and Landforms. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: GEOL 241.
Geologic maps and interpretation of landform. 1 laboratory.

GEOL 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Directed group study of selected topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

GEOL 301. Physical Models in the Geosciences. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: MATH 142; PHYS 141; and GEOL 201.
Development and analysis of geodynamical models. Stress and strain, flexure, heat flow, faulting, and elastic waves in the solid earth. Additional topics may include fluid flow, flow of natural materials, geochronology, and equations of state in high pressure mineral physics. 4 lectures.

GEOL 303. Computation and Visualization in the Geosciences. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: GEOL 301 and one of the following: STAT 217, STAT 218, STAT 301, STAT 312, or STAT 321.
Introduction to scientific programming and data visualization for solving problems in the geosciences. Import and export of data, plotting data and maps, time series analysis, statistical description of data, and numerical approximations of equations. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 305. Seismology and Earth Structure. 4 units
GE Area B6
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: GEOL 303; or PHYS 132 and MATH 242 or MATH 244.

GEOL 309. Igneous Petrology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: GEOL 102 or GEOL 201; and ERSC 223.
Processes associated with melt generation and igneous crystallization with special attention to relationships with tectonic setting. Field trip required. Not open to students with credit in GEOL 310. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 311. Metamorphic Petrology. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: GEOL 309.
Textures and minerals associated with the metamorphism of igneous and sedimentary rocks. Principles of metamorphic reactions and thermobarometry. Special attention to metamorphic processes in the context of plate tectonics. Field trip required. Not open to students with credit in GEOL 310. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory.

GEOL 330. Principles of Stratigraphy. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: GEOL 102 or GEOL 201, and GEOL 241.
Description and analysis of stratified rock and sediment. Sedimentology, diagenesis, transgressive/regressive sequences, bedform interpretation, marine and terrestrial sediment and sedimentary-rock sequence interpretation, and sequence stratigraphy. Required field trips. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.
**GEOL 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-2 units**
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigations, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 4 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter.

**GEOL 401. Field-Geology Methods. 4 units**
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: GEOL 102 or GEOL 201, GEOL 241, GEOL 415, ERSC 223, ERSC 323.

Collecting and interpreting field-geologic data. Description of sedimentary rocks and construction of stratigraphic columns. Mapping geologic structures in the field. Surficial geologic stratigraphy and surficial geologic mapping. Understanding geologic processes through field study. Communicating results of field study. 1 lecture, 3 activities. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOL 401.

**GEOL 402. Geologic Mapping. 4 units**
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: ERSC/GEOL 401.

Bedrock geologic mapping on topographic maps and aerial photos. Surficial geologic mapping on topographic maps and aerial photos. Correlating and defining surficial geologic map units on the basis of soil development. Understanding landscape evolution using soil development 4 activities. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOL 402.

**GEOL 404. Research Experience for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-2 units**
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigations, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 4 units, with a maximum of 2 units per quarter.

**GEOL 415. Structural Geology. 4 units**
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: GEOL 241 and ERSC 223.

Recognition, interpretation, and depiction of geological structures. Understanding rock deformation through the study of faults and folds. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Required weekend field trips.

**GEOL 420. Applied Geophysics. 3 units**
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: GEOL 201 and PHYS 141.

Introduction to geophysical exploration of the shallow subsurface: seismic refraction, seismic reflection, electrical resistivity, magnetic and gravity methods. Application to determination of subsurface structure, groundwater and mineral resources. Field trip required. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory.

**GEOL 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units**
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.