GEOL 101 Principles of Geology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
(GEOL 1303, GEOL 1403) Principles of Geology. Physical and chemical nature of the Earth and dynamic processes that shape it; plate tectonics, Earth's interior, materials it is made of, age and evolution, earthquakes, volcanism, erosion and deposition; introduces physical and chemical principles applied to the Earth. Not open to students who have taken GEOL 103 or GEOL 104.

GEOL 102 Principles of Geology Laboratory
Credit 1. 2 Lab Hours.
(GEOL 1103, GEOL 1403) Principles of Geology Laboratory. Laboratory exercise-based introduction to the physical and chemical nature of the Earth and dynamic process that shape it; rock and mineral types; topographic and geologic maps; complements GEOL 101 but may be taken independently.

GEOL 104 Physical Geology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Earth materials, structures, external and internal characteristics; physical processes at work upon or within the planet. A working knowledge of high school chemistry and mathematics is required.

GEOL 106 Historical Geology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
(GEOL 1104 and 1304, 1404) Historical Geology. Hypotheses of Earth's origin; age dating of geologic materials; development and history of life; plate tectonic reconstructions, geologic history, and paleogeography, with emphasis on the North American plate.
Prerequisite: GEOL 101 or equivalent.

GEOL 108 Dinosaur Life and Times
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Dinosaur paleobiology and paleoecology; terrestrial paleoclimate and paleoenvironments of the Mesozoic; dinosaur ancestors; appearance and radiation of dinosaurs; paleoecology and paleobiology of major dinosaur groups; extinction of large dinosaurs and the Cretaceous-Paleogene mass extinction; the appearance and ancestry of birds. Not open to students who have taken GEOL 307.

GEOL 150 Introduction to the Solid Earth
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the dynamic earth for careers in geosciences; origin and structure of the earth; earth materials and processes, particularly as they relate to plate tectonics; maps as a basic tool of geologists; not open to students who have taken GEOL 101 or GEOL 104.

GEOL 152 History of the Earth
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Evolution of life, plate tectonics processes, geography and climate through earth's history; the timing of major events in earth history, sedimentary environments and stratigraphy; fossils; biostratigraphic and radiometric dating of rocks; not open to students who have taken GEOL 106.
Prerequisites: GEOL 150, GEOL 101 and GEOL 102, or GEOL 104 or equivalent.

GEOL 180 Introduction to Geology and Geophysics
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Introduction to careers in geology and geophysics; campus resources for academic and personal success; tools for developing study skills and navigating the university; use of reflection to assess personal strengths, weaknesses and responsibilities and to devise strategies for improvement.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

GEOL 203 Mineralogy
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Crystallography, crystal chemistry, mineral chemistry, optical crystallography, physical properties, and geologic occurrence of rock-forming and economic minerals.
Prerequisites: MATH 151; CHEM 101 and 111 or CHEM 107 and 117; GEOL 150 or equivalent.

GEOL 210 Geological Communication
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to communicating as a scientist particularly in geological settings; using precise language, illuminating graphs and correct mathematical and chemical symbols to describe geological observations and concepts in writing; using basic statistics to describe geological data and uncertainty; recognizing scientific ethical dilemmas and plagiarism and interpretation.
Prerequisites: MATH 151, ENGL 104, GEOL 150 or equivalent.

GEOL 250 Geological Field Methods
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Fundamental aspects of geologic mapping; field observation, data gathering and recording, use of a Brunton compass, pace-and-compass mapping, measurement of stratigraphic sections; topographic map use and interpretation, interpretation of geologic map patterns, construction of geologic cross sections; integrating field and remote data to address geologic problems using GIS software.
Prerequisites: GEOL 152 or equivalent.

GEOL 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Directed studies in specific problem areas of geology.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

GEOL 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of geology. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

GEOL 291 Research
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in geology. May be repeated 2 times for credit. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester provided that the per semester credit hour limit is not exceeded.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.

GEOL 300 Field Geology
Credits 6. 6 Other Hours.
Basic concepts of field relationships and field techniques are used to develop geologic maps, stratigraphic columns, cross-sections and geologic interpretations for a variety of geologic provinces. Course conducted off-campus in a field camp for six weeks.
Prerequisites: GEOL 302, GEOL 306, GEOL 309, GEOL 312 or approval of instructor.
GEOL 301 Mineral Resources
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Origin, geologic relations and geographic distribution of mineral and energy resources; mineral economics, mining and reclamation and global economics in the resource industry; identification and classification of economic minerals including energy resources, base and precious metals, chemical industrial minerals and gemstones.
Prerequisites: GEOL 101 or GEOL 320; CHEM 106 or higher.

GEOL 302 Introduction to Petrology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Introduction to the origin and evolution of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks; classification and petrographic analysis of major rock types; relationships to tectonic settings.
Prerequisites: GEOL 104 and GEOL 203 or approval of instructor.

GEOL 304 Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Origin and evolution of igneous and metamorphic rocks; identification, classification and petrographic analysis; relationships to tectonic settings; genetic processes inferred from laboratory studies and field occurrences.
Prerequisites: GEOL 203; CHEM 107 and CHEM 117 or CHEM 102 and 112.

GEOL 305 Paleobiology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Principles of paleobiology; study of organisms important in the marine fossil record; application of paleontology to geologic problems.
Prerequisite: GEOL 106 or approval of instructor.

GEOL 306 Sedimentology and Stratigraphy
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Origin of sediments and sedimentary rocks; climate, weathering, and weathering products; transport, deposition, and depositional environments for sediments; field and laboratory studies in description and interpretation of genesis of sedimentary rocks; principles of stratigraphy and basin analysis; plate tectonics and the formation of sedimentary basins; stratigraphic nomenclature; geologic time and correlation; sequence stratigraphy and basin architecture.
Prerequisite: CHEM 101 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 107 and CHEM 117; PHYS 218; GEOL 152 or equivalent.

GEOL 307 Dinosaur World
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Evolutionary development of dinosaurs and Mesozoic geography, climate and terrestrial environments including dinosaur morphology; evolutionary relationships; dinosaur metabolism; and constraints imposed by gigantism; their latitudinal distribution; casual mechanism for dinosaur extinction.

GEOL 308 Integrated Earth Science
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Integrated processes shaping Earth's crust, continents, ocean basins, atmosphere and biosphere; place of Earth in the universe; relationship between Earth and human society; related fundamental physical and biological science principles and processes within an integrated Earth science context. Not an elective for students pursuing degrees for careers as professional geologists.
Prerequisite: GEOL 101 or GEOG 203.

GEOL 309 Introduction to Geological Field Methods
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 6 Lab Hours.
Geological mapping methods, field observation procedures and data gathering and recording; use of Brunton compass; pace-and-compass mapping; topographic map use and interpretation; measurement of structural elements; interpretation of geologic map patterns; measurement of stratigraphic sections; construction of geologic cross sections; six day geologic mapping project during either spring break or two three-day weekends.
Prerequisites: GEOL 101 or GEOL 104; GEOL 106.

GEOL 310 Planetary Geology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to planetary science; organization and composition of the solar system, including the planets, satellites and asteroids; surface features and internal structures of the terrestrial planets and moons; the dynamic processes of planetary resurfacing, including volcanism, tectonism, weathering and impacts; the history and future of solar system exploration.
Prerequisites: GEOL 101 or 104; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

GEOL 311 Principles of Geological Writing
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Principles of writing for geological reports; format and style for abstracts, grant proposals, journal manuscripts and industry reports; evaluating written reports for revision and editing; using proper referencing and citation style; methods of maintaining clarity in documents; using web tools for geological communication.

GEOL 312 Structural Geology and Tectonics
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Fundamentals of the deformation of the lithosphere ranging from plate to atomic scales; stress, strain, experimental rock deformation, microscopic mechanisms and mechanical behaviors; analysis of faults, folds, flow and rock fabrics; subsurface interpretation; regional tectonics of selected areas; practical experience in geometric and kinematic analysis, constructing balanced cross sections.
Prerequisites: GEOL 104 or GEOL 150 or equivalent; MATH 151, MATH 152 and PHYS 218.

GEOL 314 Paleontology and Geobiology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Biospheres-geosphere interactions, including prokaryote controls on sedimentary geochemistry and organismal distributions, and fossil preservation; fossils in the context of evolutionary theory and global change; identification of important groups of marine fossils; use of fossils to determine the stratigraphic age of rocks and the history of life on Earth.
Prerequisites: CHEM 101 or CHEM 107, or GEOL 152 or equivalent; GEOL 306.

GEOL 316 Team Research in Geology and Geophysics
Credits 3. 0 Lecture Hours. 9 Lab Hours.
Team-based research in geology and geophysics; hypothesis development, data collection, data interpretation; communication of geological/geophysical interpretations and data. May be taken four times for credit.
Prerequisites: GEOL 203 or concurrent enrollment and approval of instructor.
GEOL 320 Geology for Civil Engineers
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Prerequisites: MATH 151 and MATH 152; junior or senior classification.

GEOL 330 Geologic Field Trips
Credits 1 to 3. 1 to 3 Other Hours.
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification.

GEOL 350 Summer Field Geology
Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.
Intense immersive geologic mapping experience, integrating geological skills from throughout the curriculum; concepts of field relationships and field techniques are used to develop geologic maps, stratigraphic columns, cross-sections and geologic interpretations for a variety of geologic provinces; conduct off-campus in a field area or areas for three to four weeks.
Prerequisite: GEOL 101 or GEOL 104 or approval of instructor. May be repeated for credit.

GEOL 352/GEOG 352 GNSS in the Geosciences
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Fundamentals of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS); basic geodesy, figure of the earth; frames of reference, map projection, datums, ellipsoids; GPS accuracy and precision; applications in earth resource mapping and database creation; elementary GPS phase data processing.
Prerequisites: GEOL 304, GEOL 314, GEOL 306, GEOL 250 and GEOL 312.

GEOL 400 Reservoir Description
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
An integrated reservoir characterization and design experience for seniors in petroleum engineering, geology and geophysics; includes using geophysical, geological, petrophysical and engineering data; emphasis on reservoir description (reservoir and well data analysis and interpretation), reservoir modeling (simulation), reservoir management (production optimization) and economic analysis (property evaluation).
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: GEOL 352/GEOL 352.

GEOL 404 Geology of Petroleum
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Origin, migration and accumulation of petroleum; typical U.S. oil and gas fluids; laboratory work in subsurface geology.
Prerequisites: GEOL 312; senior classification in geology.

GEOL 410 Hydrogeology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Prerequisites: MATH 151 and MATH 152, or equivalent; junior or senior classification.

GEOL 420 Environmental Geology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Prerequisites: MATH 151 and MATH 152, or equivalent; junior or senior classification.

GEOL 440 Engineering Geology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Prerequisites: GEOL 101 or GEOG 203; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

GEOL 450 Geology Senior Project
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Conducting and communicating a team research project in geology and/or geophysics; formulating a research question and a plan to answer that question; synthesizing and interpreting the geological and geophysical literature; written and oral presentation of findings and critiquing those findings.
Prerequisites: GEOL 210 and GEOL 312, or approval of undergraduate advisor.

GEOL 451 Introduction to Geochemistry
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Prerequisites: GEOL 302 or approval of instructor.

GEOL 478 Earth Science Modeling
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Techniques for building, solving and analyzing numerical models applied to a wide variety of problems in geology, geochemistry, geobiology and geophysics; derivation and scaling of conservation laws; finite difference and finite element techniques; programming in MATLAB or a higher-level language.
Prerequisites: MATH 151; MATH 152; junior or senior classification.

GEOL 484 Internship
Credits 0. 0 Other Hours.
Directed internship in a private firm, government agency or non-governmental organization to provide work experience related to the student’s degree program and career objectives. May be taken two times.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of internship agency and approval of instructor.

GEOL 485 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 12. 1 to 12 Other Hours.
Prerequisites: Approval of instructor.
GEOL 491 Research
Credits 0 to 4, 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in geology.
May be repeated 2 times for credit. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester provided that the per semester credit hour limit is not exceeded.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.