

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS

Geology

The field of geology includes the scientific study of all aspects of the solid Earth and the fluids within it, including the fundamental processes that shape it and the stewardship of its resources that benefits society. The undergraduate curricula in geology foster critical thinking, and the application of scientific skills to the study of Earth materials (rocks, minerals, fossils, structures, landforms and subsurface fluids) and geologic processes. Courses provide a broad background in geology, emphasize knowledge transfer from other sciences to geologic problems and emphasize hands-on application of knowledge through laboratories and field trips and promote application to practical problems in petroleum exploration, environmental management and civil engineering.

The Department of Geology and Geophysics offers two undergraduate programs in geology, the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science. The BS program is appropriate for students seeking careers as geologists or preparing for graduate school in geology, whereas the BA program is designed for students wishing to combine geology with other disciplines. Details of the two programs are given below.

To remain in satisfactory academic standing, students must maintain a 2.0 or better GPA in all technical courses (geology, geophysics, chemistry, math and physics).

Geophysics

Geophysics includes all areas of scientific inquiry that deal with the physical state of Earth and other planets and the dynamic processes that act on and within planetary bodies. The Bachelor of Science in Geophysics is for students who wish to combine a proficiency in mathematics with an interest in Earth. The objective of this program is to develop a physically-motivated approach to the study of Earth phenomena, with an emphasis on collection and analysis of geophysical data for probing and imaging the Earth's interior. Graduates will be well-prepared for careers in the energy and environmental industries, and for advanced study at top-ranked graduate programs.

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Minors in Geology and Geophysics

The Department of Geology and Geophysics offers minors in two separate programs: Geology, Geophysics. Minors provide opportunities for broadening a student's background and tailoring the curriculum to specific career goals. A minor in Geology or Geophysics may be especially beneficial to students majoring in fields that deal directly or indirectly with geological processes, such as agriculture, anthropology, archaeology, architecture, business, education, engineering, and soil science, to name a few.

Faculty

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PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014

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- Bachelor of Science in Geology and Master of Science in Geology, 5-Year Degree Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geology-bs-ms/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Geophysics (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geophysics-bs/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Geophysics and Master of Science in Geophysics, 5-Year Degree Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geophysics-bs-ms/>)

Minors

- Geology Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geology-minor/>)
- Geophysics Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geophysics-minor/>)

Certificates

- Environmental and Engineering Geology Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/environmental-engineering-geology-certificate/>)

Majors

- Bachelor of Arts in Geology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geology-ba/>)
- Bachelor of Science in Geology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/geology-geophysics/geology-bs/>)