Department of Geography and Geology

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Courses in the Department of Geography and Geology are designed to meet the General Studies needs of all students, to enhance their cultural development in a liberal arts program, to broaden their knowledge of the physical environment, and to provide a solid foundation for those planning to enter fields in which geographical and geological knowledge is of value.

The department offers programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Geoscience and concentrations in Geography or Geology. To provide the student with maximum opportunities for career preparation, the two concentrations are sub-divided into six career patterns: geography for teachers, geography, and geographic techniques within the Geography concentration; and geology, earth science, and earth science for teachers within the Geology concentration. Proper selection of courses will permit a student to work as a professional in a chosen area, pursue graduate studies, or be licensed to teach.

Minors in Geography, Geology/Earth Science, and Remote Sensing are offered, and the department participates in the Environmental Science and Technology major.

The Geography and Geology Department also sponsors an internship program which provides opportunities to receive on-the-job training with various agencies employing persons with geographic/geologic training. Details of this program may be obtained from the department.

In all curricular listings, (Area __) refers to the General Studies requirements as outlined on pages 59-61.
Major in Geoscience

All students pursuing the major in Geoscience must complete the departmental core requirements as follows:

GEOL 1030 Introduction to Earth Science, 3 hours*
GEOL 1031 Introduction to Earth Science Lab, 1 hour*
OR student may substitute GEOL 1040 Physical Geology AND GEOL 1050 Historical Geology per General Studies requirements
GEOG 2000 Introduction to Regional Geography, 3 hours*
GEOG 4380 Cartography (mapping), 4 hours, OR
GEOL 3050 Field Methods in Geology, 2 hours AND GEOL 3060 Computer Methods in Geology, 3 hours

*Can also serve as General Studies requirements for Areas IV-A and III-B, respectively

All students pursuing a major within this department must complete the General Studies requirements outlined on pages 59-61 and referred to by areas. Following is a suggested pattern of study for the first two years; however, consultation with the assigned advisor is necessary before registration.

Recommended Curriculum

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Concentration: Geography

Career Pattern: Geography for Teachers

This program offers preparation for the student to meet professional requirements for teaching geography in the public schools and for graduate studies. The pattern consists of 31 hours, distributed as follows:

Required courses (7 hours)

GEOG 3401 or 3402 Field Course
GEOG 4360 Cultural Geography

Four of the following regional courses (12 hours)

GEOG 3120 Geography of Tennessee
GEOG 3410 Geography of the United States and Canada
GEOG 3420 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 3430 Geography of Europe
GEOG 3440 Geography of Asia
GEOG 3450 Geography of Australia and Oceania
GEOG 3460 Geography of the Former Soviet Union
GEOG 3470 Geography of Africa
GEOG 4500 Geography of the Middle East

Four of the following topical courses (12 hours)

GEOG 4280 Special Problems and Topics in Geography
GEOG 4310 Resource Management and Conservation
GEOG 4320 Economic Geography
GEOG 4330 Political Geography
GEOG 4340 Historical Geography
GEOG 4370 Urban Geography
GEOG 4470 Rural Settlement
GEOG 4540 Geography of Native Americans
GEOG 4550 Global Issues

In addition to major courses, the student must meet the following requirements:

1. A cognate of 18 hours:
   - ANTH 2010 Cultural Anthropology
   - PS 1010 Foundations of Government
   - PS 3210 International Relations
   - PS 4220 World Politics OR
   - GEOG 4330 Political Geography
   - PS 4240 American Foreign Policy
   - SOC 1010 Introductory Sociology

2. A minor in professional education. Student must contact advisor in professional education for approval of appropriate courses for licensure. For specific procedures and additional requirements for teacher licensure, see appropriate catalog section.

Concentration: Geography

Career Pattern: Geography

This program is designed for students who plan to become professional geographers or who wish to pursue graduate study in geography and/or related fields.

Required courses: (26 hours)

GEOG 1030 Physical Geography
GEOG 4360 Cultural Geography
GEOG 3401 or 3402 Field Course
GEOG 4550 Global Issues
GEOG 4490 Remote Sensing
GEOG 4520 Image Interpretation
GEOG 4530 Geographic Information Systems

Four of the following regional courses: (12 hours)

GEOG 3120 Geography of Tennessee
GEOG 3410 Geography of the United States and Canada
GEOG 3420 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 3430 Geography of Europe
GEOG 3440 Geography of Asia
GEOG 3450 Geography of Australia and Oceania
GEOG 3460 Geography of the Former Soviet Union
GEOG 3470 Geography of Africa
GEOG 4500 Geography of the Middle East

Four of the following topical courses: (12 hours)

GEOG 3720 Cultural Ecology
GEOG 4280 Special Problems and Topics in Geography
GEOG 4300 Military Geography
GEOG 4310 Resource Management and Conservation
GEOG 4320 Economic Geography
GEOG 4330 Political Geography
GEOG 4340 Historical Geography
GEOG 4370 Urban Geography
GEOG 4470 Rural Settlement
GEOG 4480 Recreational Geography
GEOG 4540 Geography of Native Americans
GEOG 4560 Archeo-Geography
GEOG 4772 Field Course in Historical Archaeology

Two minors are required. These are to be selected in consultation with and approved by the academic advisor.
Concentration: Geography
Career Pattern: Geographic Techniques
This program provides basic skills in the methods used to acquire, analyze, and present spatial information about the Earth's surface. These techniques are widely employed by government and industry in natural resource and environmental management, urban and regional planning, utility management, and transportation planning.

Required courses: (28 hours)
GEOG 1030 Physical Geography
GEOG 3401 or 3402 Field Course OR
GEOL 3401 or 3402 Field Course
GEOG 4020 Geomorphic Regions of the United States
GEOG 4490 Remote Sensing
GEOG 4520 Image Interpretation
GEOG 4530 Geographic Information Systems

Departmental Elective (3 hours)
Two minors are required. These are to be selected in consultation with and approved by the academic advisor.

Minor in Geography
The minor in Geography requires 18 semester hours to be selected by the student and approved by a member of the faculty assigned as advisor. The minor will be specific enough to support the student's career plans.

Concentration: Geology
Career Pattern: Geology
This program is designed for students who plan to become professional geologists or who wish to pursue graduate study in geology. The curriculum consists of the following, plus an approved Field Camp in western North America (at least 4 hours):

Required courses:
GEOL 1040 Physical Geology*
GEOL 1050 Historical Geology
GEOL 3000 Mineralogy
GEOL 3050 Field Methods in Geology
GEOL 3060 Computer Methods in Geology
GEOL 3160 Geologic Literature and Report Writing
GEOL 4000 Petrology and Petrography
GEOL 4020 Geomorphic Regions of the United States
GEOL 4030 Invertebrate Paleontology
GEOL 4050 Meteorology
GEOL 4070 Sedimentation and Stratigraphy
GEOL 4080 Structural Geology
GEOL 4090 Problems in Geology
GEOL 4100 Geophysical Prospecting
GEOL 4110 Earth Geophysics
GEOL 4120 Environmental Geology
GEOL 4130 Hydrogeology
GEOL 4150 Environmental Applications of Hydrogeology
GEOL 4160 Geologic Remote Sensing

*Not required of students with an A or B in both GEOL 1030 and GEOL 1031

Electives to be chosen from the following: (18 hours)*
ABAS 3340 Soil
GEOL 3000 Mineralogy
GEOL 4000 Petrology and Petrography
GEOL 4030 Invertebrate Paleontology
GEOL 4050 Meteorology
GEOL 4070 Sedimentation and Stratigraphy
GEOL 4080 Structural Geology
GEOL 4090 Problems in Geology
GEOL 4100 Geophysical Prospecting
GEOL 4110 Earth Geophysics
GEOL 4120 Environmental Geology
GEOL 4130 Hydrogeology
GEOL 4150 Environmental Applications in Hydrogeology

*22 hours if GEOL 1040 not taken

Concentrations:

Cognate (24 hours)
BIOL 1110 General Biology (w/lab)
CHEM 1110, 1111 General Chemistry (w/lab)
CHEM 1120, 1121 General Chemistry (w/lab)
MATH 1910 Calculus I
MATH 1920 Calculus II
PHYS 2010 Non-Calculus-Based Physics I (w/lab) OR
PHYS 2110 Calculus-Based Physics (w/lab)

Second semester physics (PHYS 2020 or 2120 [with lab]) may be substituted for BIOL 1110. Fortran Programming, CSCI 1160, or Computer Science I, CSCI 1170, and Probability and Statistics, MATH 2050, are strongly recommended.

In addition to the cognate, a minor is required and must be approved in consultation with the academic advisor.

Concentration: Geology
Career Pattern: Earth Science
The earth science program has two curricula. One, technical curriculum, is designed for those desiring a general background in earth science. The second, Earth Science for Teachers, is for those planning to teach the earth sciences.

The technical curriculum requires a minimum of 34 semester hours. Two minors are required, one of which must be in Chemistry, Physics, or Biology. The second minor will be selected by the student and approved by the major academic advisor.

Required courses: (16-20 hours)
GEOL 1040 Physical Geology*
GEOL 1050 Historical Geology
GEOL 3010 Oceanography
GEOL 3050 Field Methods in Geology
GEOL 3060 Computer Methods in Geology
GEOL 4020 Geomorphic Regions of the United States

*Not required of students with an A or B in both GEOL 1030 and GEOL 1031

Electives to be chosen from the following: (18 hours)*
ABAS 3340 Soil
GEOL 3000 Mineralogy
GEOL 4000 Petrology and Petrography
GEOL 4030 Invertebrate Paleontology
GEOL 4050 Meteorology
GEOL 4070 Sedimentation and Stratigraphy
GEOL 4080 Structural Geology
GEOL 4090 Problems in Geology
GEOL 4100 Geophysical Prospecting
GEOL 4110 Earth Geophysics
GEOL 4120 Environmental Geology
GEOL 4130 Hydrogeology
GEOL 4150 Environmental Applications in Hydrogeology

*22 hours if GEOL 1040 not taken

Geology electives to be chosen from the following: (3 hours)
GEOL 3010 Oceanography
GEOL 4140 Inorganic Geochemistry
GEOL 4110 Earth Geophysics
GEOL 4150 Environmental Applications of Hydrogeology
GEOL 4160 Geologic Remote Sensing
Concentration: Geology

Career Pattern: Earth Science for Teachers

The Earth Science for Teachers curriculum requires 64 hours and is for those desiring to teach earth science in the secondary schools.

Required for Major (30) hours

**22 Required Hours:**
- GEOL 1040 Physical Geology
- GEOL 1050 Historical Geology
- GEOG 1030 Physical Geography
- GEOL 3401 or 3402 Field Course
- GEOL 4050 Meteorology
- ASTR 3400 Fundamentals of Astrophysics

*Remaining hours to be selected from University General Studies program*

**Additional 27 hours required:**
- CHEM 1010, 1011, and 1020, 1021 OR
- CHEM 1110, 1111, and 1120, 1121
- PHYS 2010 and 2011 and 2020 and 2021
- BIOL 1110 and 1120
- MATH 1720 (may also be included in General Studies)

**Eight (8) hours of electives to be chosen from:**
- GEOL 3000 Mineralogy
- GEOL 3010 Oceanography
- GEOL 4000 Petrology and Petrography
- GEOL 4020 Geomorphic Regions of the United States
- GEOL 4030 Invertebrate Paleontology
- GEOL 4070 Sedimentation and Stratigraphy
- GEOL 4080 Structural Geology
- GEOL 4120 Environmental Geology
- GEOL 4130 Hydrogeology
- GEOG 4310 Resource Management and Conservation
- GEOG 4490 Remote Sensing
- ABAS 3340 Soil

One minor must be in Secondary Education. The second minor is chosen by the student and approved by the major academic advisor.

**Minor in Geology/Earth Science**

The minor in Geology/Earth Science requires GEOL 1040 (or GEOL 1030 and 1031 with a grade of A or B) and GEOL 1050 plus 10-14 additional hours at the 3000 level or above.

**Minor in Remote Sensing**

The minor in Remote Sensing consists of 20 semester hours to be taken in the sequence listed below:
- GEOG 1030 Physical Geography
- GEOG 4490 Remote Sensing
- GEOG 4510 Laboratory Problems in Remote Sensing
- GEOG 4520 Image Interpretation
- GEOG 4530 Geographic Information Systems

*The 11 hours of departmental core requirements should be completed.*

Students electing to pursue the Remote Sensing minor should consult with the director, division of geography, because of specialized requirements and the need to prearrange for use of satellite imagery facilities.

Courses in Geography [GEOG]

**Basic Courses**

1030 (233) Physical Geography. Four credits. The physical earth as the home of humans. The global earth in space, tools of the discipline, the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, and the biosphere. Field trips may be required. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

2000 (200) Introduction to Regional Geography. Three credits. A nontechnical examination of world regions and problems resulting from the geographic environment.

3120 (312) Geography of Tennessee. Three credits. Focuses on the diverse physical and human landscapes of the state. Topics covered include weather and climate, landforms, vegetation and soils, population patterns and trends, economic activities (including agricultural and geographical perspectives on social and environmental issues).

**Regional Geography**

2105 Introduction to Latin American Studies. Three credits. (Same as SPAN 2105, PS 2105, SOC 2105, ART 2105, ANTH 2105.) A multidisciplinary, team-taught introduction to Latin America. Covers the cultures and societies of the region: pre-history, history, geography, politics, art, languages, and literatures. Required course for all Latin American Studies minors.

3401- (340 A, B) Field Course. Four credits each. Supervised study in some geographical area, preceded by classroom preview and concluded by a time of evaluation. Emphasis on natural and cultural elements of the environment, with special attention directed toward the pattern of human occupancy. For fees and specific credit, consult the director, division of geography.

3410 (341) Geography of the United States and Canada. Three credits. Natural, cultural, and geographic environment of these regions.

3420 (342) Geography of Latin America. Three credits. Geographic regions of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, and South America.

3430 (343) Geography of Europe. Three credits. General distribution of natural and cultural features of Europe followed by a detailed study of the regions and countries of the southern, central, and northwestern parts of the continent.

3440 (344) Geography of Asia. Three credits. Survey of the entire continent followed by a detailed study of the geographic regions outside the former Soviet Union with special emphasis on the Indian Realm, China, and Japan.

3450 (345) Geography of Australia and Oceania. Three credits. Physical and cultural geography of Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the Southwest Pacific.

3460 (346) Geography of the Former Soviet Union. Three credits. Analysis of the natural, cultural, and human-use regions of the former Soviet Union.

3470 (347) Geography of Africa. Three credits. Survey of the physical and cultural features of Africa, followed by a detailed study of the Geographic regions of the continent.

4500 (450) Geography of the Middle East. Three credits. Analysis of the problems, issues, and theories involved in understanding the physical, cultural, and regional geography of the area.
Topical Courses

3720 Cultural Ecology. Three credits. (Same as ANTH 3720.) Prerequisites: 3 hours anthropology or geography. Comparison of ecological systems utilized by tribal, peasant, and industrialized peoples of the world. Special attention paid to the theoretical approaches examining the interface of the environment and culture, the evolution of modes of subsistence, and contemporary development and indigenous people.

4280 (428) Special Problems and Topics in Geography. One to six credits. (Variable credit.) Prerequisite: Must have equivalent of a minor in Geography. Research participation or guided readings in a particular area or topic appropriate to the student’s interest and professional objectives.

4300 (430) Military Geography. One credit. An examination of geography as applied to the conduct of military forces in pursuing and securing national objectives.


4320 (432) Economic Geography. Three credits. Relationship of the physical factors of the environment to the productive occupations of humans and the distribution of products.

4330 (433) Political Geography. Three credits. Significance of geographical factors in understanding political relationships within and among nations; spatial implications of political decision-making processes.

4340 (434) Historical Geography. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOG 2000 or permission of instructor. The changing human geography of the United States during four centuries of settlement and development. Emphasis on changing population patterns as well as patterns of urban and rural settlement.

4350 (435) Global Issues. Three credits. An examination of current global issues in the context of their geographic environment. Emphasis on geographic factors impacting those issues. Topics examined vary from year to year.

4360 (436) Cultural Geography. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOG 2000 or permission of instructor. Description and explanation of spatial patterns and ecological relationships in human culture. Emphasis on “reading” the cultural landscapes.

4370 (437) Urban Geography. Three credits. An introduction to the development of towns, cities, and associated urban areas. Environmental problems also examined. Classroom analysis of various theories of urban development and data collected by field work.

4380 (438) Cartography. Four credits. General knowledge of the field including familiarity with the techniques and tools of professional cartography and graphics. Selected lectures, class discussions, and a series of map construction assignments. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4470 (447) Rural Settlement. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOG 2000 or permission of instructor. A geographical analysis of forms, structures, and distribution of rural settlements in distinctive parts of the earth based upon their origin, function, and development. Special emphasis in analyzing rural settlements of middle Tennessee.

4480 (448) Recreational Geography. Three credits. A geographical analysis of natural and cultural factors influencing use of space for recreational purposes. Emphasis given to recreational land use in the United States and contemporary problems and conflicts. Lectures and field problems.

4490 (449) Remote Sensing. Four credits. The various vehicles of remote sensing such as radar, satellite imagery, and infrared data. Use of data in preparation of maps and application to land use and environmental problems examined. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4510 (451) Laboratory Problems in Remote Sensing. Four credits. Computer processing of selected satellite imagery. Laboratory will provide practical experience through design, execution, and completion of an applied remote sensing project.

4520 (452) Image Interpretation. Four credits. Principles, methods, and techniques of image interpretation, including maps, satellite data, and aerial photos.

4530 (453) Geographic Information Systems. Four credits. Lecture and laboratory work relative to computer-manipulated geographic data base. Laboratory work will involve experience in practical application of a geographic information system (GIS) to problem solving.

4540 (454) Geography of Native Americans. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOG 2000 or permission of instructor. Lecture and field exercise format viewing America’s native population from a geographic perspective. Native Americans will be examined geo-archaeologically using geo-techniques to explore their past, present, and future; cultural ecologically—their symbiotic relationship with their surroundings; and through their economic and resource development—how they utilize natural and cultural resources that are presently on tribal lands.

4550 (455) Archeo-Geography. Three credits. Survey of geographical, archeological, and historical techniques used in spatial and temporal interpretation of past cultural geographical landscapes.

4571- (457 A, B) Internship in Geography. Three credits each. Prerequisites: Major or minor in geography; 15 hours of geogra-
1030 (100) Introduction to Earth Science. Three credits. The earth and its relationship to its space and environment emphasized. Forces and processes which combine to mold the face of the earth and its atmosphere, as well as the internal constitution of the earth. Three hours lecture. GEOL 1030 and 1031 meet a 4-hour science requirement for General Studies Area IV-A. GEOL 1031 must be taken concurrently. Together, GEOL 1030 and 1031 meet a 4-hour science requirement for General Studies Area IV-A.

1031 (100L) Introduction to Earth Science Lab. One credit. Laboratory to accompany GEOL 1030.

1040 (201) Physical Geology. Four credits. The origin, composition, and structure of the solid earth: rock-forming minerals; igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks; earthquakes and plate tectonics; surface processes; geologic time. Identification and description of minerals and rocks in hand sample. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

3000 (300) Mineralogy. Five credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 or GEOG 1030; or permission of instructor. Crystallography and crystal chemistry. Physical and chemical properties of silicate and non-silicate mineral groups. Principles of thermodynamics and kinetics as related to the formation of minerals. Examination of the common rock-forming minerals in hand sample and thin section. Four hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

3010 (301) Oceanography. Three credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 or GEOG 1030; or consent of instructor. Physiography, structures, and sediments of the ocean floor; coastal and oceanic environments; and the nature of sea water, currents, waves, and tides. Geological processes, geophysical studies, and oceanographic instrumentation discussed.

3050 Field Methods in Geology. Two credits. Prerequisites: Knowledge of trigonometry; GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 and 1050; major or minor in Geoscience; or consent of instructor. Introduction to field observation in geoscience. Topics include tape and compass surveys, triangulation, orientation of rock strata, measurement of stratigraphic section, map preparation, and use of GPS. Two hours lecture/field work per week.

3060 Computer Methods in Geology. Three credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 and 1050; CSCI 1000; major or minor in Geology/Earth Science; or consent of instructor. Extensive use of personal computers for processing field data, map contouring, geologic reports and illustrations, lettering and cartography, image processing, geologic databases, and digital maps. Brief treatment of classical cartography. Four to five hours lecture/laboratory per week.

3160 (316) Geologic Literature and Report Writing. One credit. Prerequisites: CSCI 1000; GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040, and GEOL 3060; at least 8 semester hours of upper-division Geology courses. Preparation of geologic field and laboratory reports in addition to professional reports and papers.

3401- (340 C, D) Field Course. Four credits each. Supervised study in some geological area preceded by classroom preview and concluded by a time of evaluation. Emphasis on the natural and physical elements of the environment, with special attention directed toward the geomorphology and geology of specific areas. For fees and specific credit, consult the director, division of geology.

4000 (400) Petrology and Petrography. Four credits. Prerequisite: GEOL 3000. Igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. Theories of formation and evolution based upon mineralogical and geochemical evidence. Examination and classification of rocks in hand sample and thin section. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4020 (402) Geomorphic Regions of the United States. Four credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 and 1050. Origin, regional distribution, and geomorphic features and history of landforms of the United States. Students will be required to analyze maps, structure sections, and aerial photography to determine geomorphic forms and the forces and processes that produced these forms. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4030 (403) Invertebrate Paleontology. Four credits. Invertebrate and microscopic animal life of the past, including recently-preserved representatives and their ancient fossilized ancestors. Numerous field trips to local fossil-collecting sites. Designed to aid in the preparation of earth science teachers, geologists, and biologists. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4050 (405) Meteorology. Three credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 or GEOG 1030, or consent of instructor. Physical laws as they relate to the atmosphere, atmospheric processes, and their effects on air masses, fronts, and atmospheric circulation; dynamics of the atmosphere and its relationship to the hydrosphere.

4060 (406) Principles of Geoscience. Four credits. Includes topics from geology, astronomy, meteorology, and oceanography. Specifically designed to aid in the preparation of earth science teachers for the public schools. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4070 (407) Sedimentation and Stratigraphy. Four credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040; GEOL 1050 and 3000; or consent of instructor. Sedimentary rocks, the processes of sedimentation, the alteration of sediments through time, and examination of resulting stratigraphic units. Designed for geoscience majors and those with interests in soil mechanics and geography.
4080 (408) Structural Geology. Three to four credits. (Variable credit.) Prerequisites: Knowledge of trigonometry; GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 and 3040; GEOL 1050 recommended. Orientation and deformation of rock. Geometric, analytical, and statistical solutions to structural problems. Emphasis on three-dimensional visualization, problem solving, geological map interpretation, and the mechanics of deformation. Lecture and laboratory.

4090 (409) Problems in Geology. One to six credits. (Variable credit.) Prerequisites: A minimum of 12 semester hours of geology (excluding GEOL 1030 and 1031) at least 6 hours of which must be upper division; consent of instructor. A problem-solving course. Includes an independent research-oriented project commensurate with the student’s interests and qualifications. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 hours.

4100 (410) Geophysical Prospecting. Four credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 3060; MATH 1910; PHYS 2010 or 2110; or consent of instructor. (PHYS 2020 or 2120, GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040, and MATH 1920 also recommended.) Survey of seismic, gravimetric, and magnetic/electrical exploration methods. An applied course covering some elementary theory, basic field practice, computation fundamentals, interpretation techniques. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4110 (411) Earth Geophysics. Three credits. Prerequisites: MATH 1910 and 1920; PHYS 2010 or 2110; or consent of instructor (PHYS 2020 or 2120 and GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 recommended). Earth’s seismicity, magnetism, heat, and radioactivity. History and mechanics of the earth-moon system, earth rotation, and oscillation discussed.

4120 (412) Environmental Geology. Four credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 or GEOG 1030 or consent of instructor. Application of geologic information to minimize possible environmental degradation and maximize utilization of resources in the natural and modified environment; local examples and field trips. Topics include engineering properties of earth materials, natural hazard prediction and reduction, water supply, solid and hazardous wastes, mineral resources, global change, land-use planning, environmental impact analysis. Three hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4130 (413) Hydrogeology. Four credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040; or consent of instructor. Basic processes and measurement of the hydrologic cycle, including precipitation, evaporation, surface runoff, stream flow, soil moisture, and ground water. Emphasis on ground water including geology of occurrence, principles of flow, conceptual models of regional flow, chemistry and quality, well hydraulics, aquifer characteristics, resource development, detection of pollutants, and contaminant transport. Lecture and laboratory.

4140 (414) Inorganic Geochemistry. Three credits. Prerequisites: CHEM 1120 and GEOL 4000. Principles of inorganic geochemistry. Geochemistry of the earth and solar system, isotopic geochronometers, thermodynamics and rates of geochemical processes, chemical weathering, chemical compositions of surface and groundwater. Three hours lecture per week.

4150 (415) Environmental Applications of Hydrogeology. Three credits. Prerequisite: GEOL 4130. An advanced course in hydrogeology that emphasizes applied methods for assessing hazardous and solid waste facilities and contaminated ground water remediation techniques. Included will be site characterization methods, ground water sampling procedures, and monitoring well installation techniques. Three hours lecture per week.

4160 (416) Geologic Remote Sensing. Two to three credits. Prerequisite: GEOL 1030 or 1040 or permission of instructor. Application of satellite and airborne images to geologic and hydrologic problems. Remote sensing techniques include visible/infrared and radar imaging. Problems examined include petroleum and mineral exploration, earthquake and volcanic hazards, groundwater transport, flooding, and other topics of current interest. Some applications in planetary geology discussed. Includes practical experience with image processing and image interpretation. Two or three hours lecture/laboratory per week.

4170 (417) Geochemical Techniques. Three credits. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030 and 1031 or 1040 plus CHEM 1010 and 1011 or CHEM 1110 and 1111. Theory and application of geochemical techniques to the study of geologic problems. Sample preparation and analysis of geologic materials using departmental instrumentation. Two hours lecture and two hours laboratory per week.

4571- (457 C, D) Internship in Geology. Three credits each. Prerequisites: Major or minor in geology; 15 hours of geology/geography with junior or senior standing; permission of employer and department. Practical experience for students in a professional setting relating to geologic work. Counted as a free elective, not as a part of major or minor requirement. After completion of one internship, 4571 or 4572, the other may be taken (total of six credits).

4580 (458) Seminar in Geology. One credit. Prerequisite: Senior standing in geology. A reading and discussion seminar in which current topics in the geological sciences are examined to broaden the major’s knowledge of the scope and literature of the discipline.

Some departmental courses may be accepted in either concentration; others are accepted only in one concentration. Substitutions are made at the discretion of the department chair in consultation with the academic advisor.

Graduate Study
The department offers minors in Geography and Earth Science/Geology at the graduate level and a graduate certificate in Geoscience. The list of available courses offered can be found in the Graduate Catalog.

Honors College
The Department of Geography and Geology offers the following courses in Honors: GEOG 2000 (200H), GEOL 1030 (100H).