GEOLOGY (GEOLOGY)

GEOLOGY 1110 Physical And Environmental Geology (LEC 3.0)
Materials, structure, and surface features of the Earth and planets are studied in the context of the processes that continuously transform the Earth and affect management of Earth resources, hazards, engineering problems, and environmental challenges. Prerequisite: Entrance requirements. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 1150).

GEOLOGY 1111 Introduction to Physical Geology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
A study of Earth materials, surface features, internal structures and processes. Particular attention is paid to Earth resources, geological hazards, engineering and environmental problems. Prerequisite: Entrance requirements.

GEOLOGY 1119 Physical and Environmental Geology Laboratory (LAB 1.0)
Geology 1119 is designed to accompany Geology 1110 and consists of laboratory explorations of the study of common rocks and minerals, air photographs, maps, and case studies of geological problems related to management of Earth resources, hazards, and environmental challenges. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 1119). Prerequisite: Preceded or accompanied by Geology 1110.

GEOLOGY 1120 Evolution Of The Earth (LEC 3.0)
A survey of the Earth history from the coalescence of the solar system to the present and the events that have profoundly transformed the planet in the context of the dynamic feedback between physical and biological systems. A one day field trip is required. Prerequisites: Recommend Geo Eng 1150 or Geology 1110 or Bio Sci 1113 but not required.

GEOLOGY 1129 Evolution of the Earth Laboratory (LAB 1.0)
Geology 1129 is designed to accompany Geology 1120 and consists of laboratory explorations of fundamental concepts in geology and the diversity of the fossil record. Prerequisite: Preceded or accompanied by Geology 1120.

GEOLOGY 1141 Physical Oceanography (LEC 3.0)
An introduction to the study of the physical and geological processes in the world’s oceans including the importance of the oceans to the environment and to life on Earth. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 or GEOLOGY 1120 or equivalent.

GEOLOGY 2001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

GEOLOGY 2611 Physical Mineralogy And Petrology (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
An introduction to the study of physical mineralogy and petrology, overviewing systematic determination of minerals and rocks by means of their physical properties. Includes the recognition of crystal forms and field relationships of rocks. Course designed for non-geology majors, credit will not count toward a geology-geophysics degree. Prerequisites: Chem 1310 and Chem 1319 or Chem 1351; Geo Eng 1150 or Geology 1110.

GEOLOGY 2620 Igneous And Metamorphic Petrology (LEC 3.0 and LAB 1.0)
A comprehensive study of megascopic and microscopic characteristics of igneous and metamorphic rocks. Fundamental theories for their origin are presented. The class includes a trip to examine these rock types in the field. Prerequisite: Geology 2610.

GEOLOGY 3000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

GEOLOGY 3001 Special Topics (IND 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

GEOLOGY 3310 Structural Geology (LEC 3.0)
Students will develop of an appreciation for the geometrical beauty of geologic structures through an understanding of crustal deformation at scales from mineral lattices to tectonic plates. Field trip fee required. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 or GEO ENG 1111.

GEOLOGY 3319 Structural Geology Lab (LAB 1.0)
This course reinforces the principles of Structural Geology through detailed analysis of rock deformation. Techniques will include using a geologic compass, preparing rock descriptions, stereographic analysis, interpretation of geologic maps, construction of cross-sections, and orthographic projections to solve scientific and engineering problems. Prerequisites: Preceded or accompanied by GEOLOGY 3310.

GEOLOGY 3410 Introduction To Geochemistry (LEC 3.0)
Application of basic chemical principals towards investigations of element distributions in geologic systems. Emphasis on origin of elements in our Solar System, element distribution during planetary formation, phase equilibria, rock-water interactions, thermodynamic principles, environmental and isotope geochemistry. Prerequisite: Chem 1310.

GEOLOGY 3511 Introduction to Mineral Deposits (LEC 3.0)
Basic processes involved in the formation of metallic and industrial mineral deposits illustrated by typical examples of deposits from throughout the world. Exploration and economic factors in mineral exploration and development are reviewed. Prerequisites: Geology 1110 and Geology 2610.

GEOLOGY 3620 Stratigraphy And Sedimentation (LEC 3.0)
Principles of physical stratigraphy, bio-stratigraphy and introductory sedimentation. Introduction to depositional systems, facies, unconformities, stratigraphic nomenclature and correlation. One field trip at student expense is required. Prerequisite: Geology 2620 or Geology 2611.
GEOLOGY 3629 Stratigraphy Lab (LAB 1.0)
This course re-enforces the principles of stratigraphy and sedimentation through the use of "hands-on" laboratory procedures such as sieve and pipette analyses, correlation problems, fence diagrams and stratigraphic maps. One field trip at student expense is required. Prerequisite: Concurrent with Geology 3620.

GEOLOGY 3631 Systematic Paleontology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Introduction to paleontological principles, biostratigraphy, paleoenvironments, and the study of fossil invertebrates, microfossils, plants and palynology. Emphasis of the course is on fossil morphology, classification, and environmental relationships. Prerequisite: Geology 1110 or Geology 1120 or Bio Sci 1113.

GEOLOGY 3811 Fundamentals Of Geographic Information Systems (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Introduction to the fundamental concepts and components of Geographic Information Systems. Techniques for acquiring, manipulating and analyzing digital terrain data for geological and geotechnical applications. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 3148).

GEOLOGY 4000 Special Problems (ND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

GEOLOGY 4001 Special Topics (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

GEOLOGY 4010 Seminar (RSD 0.0-6.0)
Discussion of current topics. Required for two semesters during senior year. (Course cannot be used for graduate credit). Prerequisite: Senior standing.

GEOLOGY 4085 Internship (IND 3.0)
Students will select, with the advice of their advisor, appropriate problems for investigation through practical application of fundamental geoscience principles. The problems selected must provide higher level experiential learning. Assessment is based upon the quality of written and oral presentations and supervisor's evaluation. Prerequisite: Advisor's approval.

GEOLOGY 4097 Advanced Field Geology (LEC 3.0)
Advanced instruction in theory and practice of qualitative and quantitative description of spatial relationships of rock types in areas exhibiting complex deformation. Emphasis on experiential learning where students plan, implement, and reflect on outcomes for several scientific field campaigns in a manner consistent with professional scientific practices. Students will be charged a fee to cover the cost of field trip expenses. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 2610, 2620, 3310, 3620, 3629, and 2096.

GEOLOGY 4099 Undergraduate Research (IND 0.0-6.0)
Designed for the undergraduate student who wishes to engage in research. Not for graduate credit. Not more than six (6) credit hours allowed for graduation credit. Subject and credit to be arranged with the instructor.

GEOLOGY 4211 Electrical Methods In Geophysics (LEC 3.0)
The theory and instrumentation for measurements of the electrical properties of the earth. Includes passive and active techniques, the advantages and disadvantages of the various techniques, and geologic interpretations of electrical soundings. Several weekends are spent making a variety of electrical surveys of local features. Prerequisites: Math 5325 and Geophys 3221.

GEOLOGY 4310 Remote Sensing Technology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Principles of digital image processing including image enhancement and multispectral classification. Emphasis upon design and implementation of remote sensing systems and analysis of remotely sensed data for geotechnical and environmental investigations. Prerequisite: Geo Eng 3148. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 5144).

GEOLOGY 4411 Hydrogeology (LEC 3.0)
This course discusses geologic aspects of major surface and subsurface hydrologic systems of North America. Chemical and physical relationships between groundwater and fractures, faults, karst, subsurface pressures, mineral deposits plus both contaminant and hydrocarbon migration are discussed. Prerequisites: Geo Eng 1150 or Geology 1110, Geology 3620 recommended.

GEOLOGY 4421 Radioactive Waste Management And Remediation (LEC 3.0)
Sources and classes of radioactive waste, long-term decay, spent fuel storage, transport, disposal options, regulatory control, materials issues, site selection and geologic characterization, containment, design and monitoring requirements, domestic and foreign waste disposal programs, economic and environmental issues; history of disposal actions, and conduct of remedial actions and cleanup. Prerequisite: Math 3304. (Co-listed with Nuc Eng 4367).

GEOLOGY 4431 Methods Of Karst Hydrogeology (LEC 3.0)
Familiarize geoscientists with the origin and identification of karst features, discuss groundwater movement, engineering problems, water quality and supply in karst areas, and teach investigative techniques including fluorescent dye tracing. Several field trips at student expense will be required. Prerequisite: Geology 1110 or Geo Eng 1150; Geology 3620.

GEOLOGY 4441 Applied Geochemistry (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Application of the principles of geochemistry and techniques of geochemical analysis in a student research project investigating geochemical processes (mineral deposits, environmental geochemistry, trace element migration, or water-rock interaction). Field trip fee required. Prerequisites: Geography 2610 and Geology 3410.

GEOLOGY 4451 Aqueous Geochemistry (LEC 3.0)
Studies of the interaction of water with minerals and organic materials at low temperatures; including processes affecting the migration of elements (alteration, precipitation, and adsorption), the influence of geochemical processes on water composition, weathering, soil formation, and pollution. Field trip fee required. Prerequisite: Geography 3410.

GEOLOGY 4461 Isotope Geochemistry (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Introduction to the fundamentals of radiogenic and stable isotopes as used to understand geologic processes. The use of selected isotopic systems in petrology, ore petrogenesis, paleontology, and the global climate systems will be discussed. Prerequisites: Geology 2620, 3620, 3410.

GEOLOGY 4521 Ore Microscopy (LAB 2.0 and LEC 1.0)
A study of polished sections of minerals and ores under reflected light. Includes the preparation of polished sections, the identification of ore minerals, and the study of the textures, associations, and alterations of ore minerals. Prerequisite: Geology 2610.
**GEOLOGY 4631 Advanced Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology** (LAB 1.0 and LEC 3.0)
Processes governing the formation of igneous and metamorphic rocks as constrained by geochemical, isotopic, and thermodynamic data, with particular reference to the relationship between rock suites and tectonic setting. The laboratory will emphasize the description of rock suites in hand sample and thin section. A field trip at the student’s expense is required. Prerequisite: Geology 2620.

**GEOLOGY 4711Paleoclimatology and Paleoecology** (LEC 3.0)
This course will introduce students to the elements of climate, evidence of climate changes, proxy measurements and paleoclimate models. There is a review of Holocene climates and Archean to Pleistocene paleoclimates. Prerequisite: Geology 1110 or Geology 1120 or Geo Eng 1150.

**GEOLOGY 4721 Meteorology and Climatology** (LEC 3.0)
An introduction to the atmospheric and climatic systems of the Earth including weather, paleoclimatology, and global climate change. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 or GEOLOGY 1120 or equivalent.

**GEOLOGY 4731 Astronomy and Planetary Science** (LEC 3.0)
Basic principles of astronomy, the origin and evolution of the universe, stellar evolution, and the origin, composition, and processes operating on the planetary bodies in the solar system (besides the Earth). Prerequisite: Entrance requirements for the MST program in Earth Science.

**GEOLOGY 4821 Applications Of Geographic Information Systems** (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Applications of Geographical Information Systems and remote sensing to environmental monitoring, mineral resource exploration, and geotechnical site evaluation. Prerequisite: Geo Eng 31+D151275 or consent of instructor. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 5146).

**GEOLOGY 4831 Computational Geology** (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
This course introduces the technology used for both surface and subsurface geologic mapping. It utilizes common systems and programs such as UNIX, Windows and industry-standard mapping applications. The goal of the course is to fully prepare students for their first professional assignment. Prerequisites: Geology 1110 or Geology 1120 or Geo Eng 1150.

**GEOLOGY 4841 Geological Field Studies** (LEC 3.0)
Intensive review of the scientific literature corresponding to a selected geographical region of geologic interest; followed by a 7 to 10 day long field trip to be held over spring break or after the end of the semester. Students will be expected to bear a portion of the field trip expenses. Repeatable for credit. Prerequisites: Geology 1110 or Geo Eng 1150.

**GEOLOGY 5000 Special Problems** (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

**GEOLOGY 5001 Special Topics** (LAB 0.0 and LEC 0.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

**GEOLOGY 5010 Seminar** (RSD 0.0-6.0)
Discussion of current topics.

**GEOLOGY 5040 Oral Examination** (IND 0.0)
After completion of all other program requirements, oral examinations for on-campus M.S./Ph.D. students may be processed during intersession. Off-campus M.S. students must be enrolled in oral examination and must have paid an oral examination fee at the time of the defense/comprehensive examination (oral/ written). All other students must enroll for credit commensurate with uses made of facilities and/or faculties. In no case shall this be for less than three (3) semester hours for resident students.

**GEOLOGY 5085 Internship** (IND 3.0)
Students will select, with their committee’s advice, problems for investigation and preparation of a graduate research proposal. Problems must provide higher level experiential learning consistent with a graduate degree in geology. Assessment is based upon the quality of written and oral presentations and supervisor’s evaluation. Repeatable for credit. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

**GEOLOGY 5099 Research** (IND 0.0-15)
Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation.

**GEOLOGY 5111 Advanced Physical Geology** (LEC 3.0)
Examination of topics concerned with the physical properties of earth materials, processes affecting change of the surface and interior of the earth, and the driving forces causing these changes. Weekly critical assessment of literature, and an oral presentation and term paper required. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

**GEOLOGY 5121 Advanced Historical Geology** (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Study of the physical and biological history of the Earth beginning with the origin of the solar system up to the present. Emphasis will be placed on processes that shaped the Earth and its ecosystems. Prerequisite: Entrance requirements for the MST program in Earth Science.

**GEOLOGY 5311 Depositional Systems** (LEC 3.0)
Development of three dimensional depositional models using Walther’s Law, Walther’s Warning and seismic stratigraphy. Emphasis on overall geometries and internal porosity and permeability characteristics of aquifers and hydrocarbon reservoirs. Includes 3-D models for clastic, carbonate and evaporate sequences. Prerequisites: Geology 1110 or Geo Eng 1150; accompanied or preceded by both Geoology 3310 and Geology 3620.

**GEOLOGY 5411 Advanced Geochemistry** (LEC 3.0)
A study of the absolute and relative abundance of elements and isotopes in the Earth, principles of element transport, formation of the Earth’s crust, mineral deposits, and soils. Field trip fee required. Prerequisite: Geology 3410.

**GEOLOGY 5511 Advanced Petroleum Geology** (LEC 1.0 and LAB 2.0)
The principles of petroleum geology are applied in solving hydrocarbon exploration and developmental problems. Geological and economical techniques for evaluating hydrocarbonbearing reservoirs are presented, with methods for decisionmaking under conditions of extreme uncertainty. Prerequisite: Geo 5411.

**GEOLOGY 5513 Petroleum Geology** (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Principles of origin, migration, and accumulation of oil and gas. The laboratory introduces the procedures used for exploration, and development of hydrocarbon resources. Prerequisites: Geology 1110 or Geo Eng 1150; accompanied or preceded by both Geo 3310 and Geo 3620.
GEOLOGY 5521 Coal Petrology (LEC 3.0)
Formation, composition, and properties of coals. Discussion of the
growth of selected coal deposits, the analysis of coal, and the optical
identification of coal minerals. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

GEOLOGY 5511 Granites And Rhyolites (LAB 1.0 and LEC 3.0)
Processes governing the generation and crystallization of felsic magma
will be covered, with specific reference to: 1) crust vs mantle sources, 2)
melt migration and emplacement, 3) magma chamber dynamics, 4) the
volcanic-plutonic connection, and 5) the relationship to tectonic setting.
A field trip at the student’s expense is required. Prerequisite: Geology 2620.

GEOLOGY 5631 Carbonate Petrology (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Petrology, chemistry and sedimentology of carbonates and other
associated chemical sedimentary rocks. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 2620,
3620 and CHEM 1320 or equivalent; GEOLOGY 3410 recommended.

GEOLOGY 5641 Advanced Igneous Petrology (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
The genesis of eruptive rocks as evidenced by the physico-chemical
conditions of formation of their constituent minerals. A critical
examination of various magmatic processes. Use of advanced
petrographic techniques. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 4631.

GEOLOGY 5661 Advanced Stratigraphy and Basin Evolution (LEC 3.0)
Advanced topics in sedimentary geology including: tectonic controls on
sedimentary basin development, global sequence stratigraphy, regional
facies and diagenetic patterns, basin hydrogeology, thermal evolution of
basins and distribution of economic resources. This course should be
preceeded or accompanied by Geology 3410. Prerequisites: Geology 2620
and 3310.

GEOLOGY 5671 Clay Mineralogy (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Mineral structure, geochemical properties, occurrence, environment,
and uses of clays. Determination of physical properties, optics, x-
diffraction, and thermal features of clays. Field trip fee required.
Prerequisites: Geology 2610 and 3410, or Chem 2310, or Civ Eng 5715, or
Geo Eng 5172.

GEOLOGY 5679 Field and Laboratory Studies in Earth Science (LAB 3.0)
Hands-on laboratory and field experiences in the Earth Sciences. This
course is designed to be taught in an intensive three week session during
the summer on the S&T campus. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 2096 or 5121
or equivalents.

GEOLOGY 5681 Lidar Principles and Application (LEC 3.0)
Provides a comprehensive understanding of light detection and ranging
(lidar) technology as it has been developed for commercial use; various
methods of deploying technology for collection of data for mapping,
engineering and science, and application of the data using specialized
software for editing and processing point cloud data. Assumes GIS
experience. Prerequisite: Senior or graduate standing.

GEOLOGY 5741 Micropaleontology (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
This course studies the fossil and soft-body characteristics of
bacteria, protists, microinvertebrates and organic-walled microfossils
(palynomorphs). Focused discussions on systematics, evolutionary
histories, paleoecology, and geologic applications of the microfossil
groups. Extraction of foraminifera and palynomorphs from rocks in lab.
Prerequisite: Geology 3631.

GEOLOGY 6000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department.
Consent of instructor required.

GEOLOGY 6001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a
new course. Variable title.
GEOLOGY 6411 Advanced Isotope Geochemistry (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
The use of radiogenic and stable isotopes in geology in the study of
the evolution of Earth, crust, mantle, and the Solar System as well as
applications to geothermometry, ore petrogenesis, paleontology, and the
global climate system. Prerequisites: Geology 2620, 3620, 3410.

GEOLOGY 6421 Environmental Geology (LEC 3.0)
Overview of environmental problems facing humans. Emphasis will be
placed on surface and groundwater pollution, geological hazards, and
pressures on Earth’s ecosystems and natural resources by urbanization
and population growth. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 or 1120 or
equivalents.

GEOLOGY 6511 Advanced Petroleum Geology (LAB 2.0 and LEC 1.0)
Examples of various types of oil and gas accumulation are reviewed
in detail. Study of criteria useful in evaluating the petroleum potential
of undrilled areas. Special investigation assignment is required.
Prerequisite: Geology 4511.

GEOLOGY 6521 Advanced Ore Microscopy (LEC 1.0 and LAB 2.0)
A study of ore suites utilizing various advanced, quantitative ore
microscopy techniques including hardness, spectral reflectance,
indentation, color, rotation property measurements, fluid inclusion
geothermometry, and salinity measurements. Laboratory study includes
demonstration and operation of the luminoscope and other microbeam
techniques. Prerequisite: Geology 4521.

GEOLOGY 6531 Applied Ore Microscopy (LEC 1.0 and LAB 2.0)
Application of ore microscopic and petrographic techniques to problems
in ore beneficiation, pelleting, sintering, smelting, refining, refractories,
cement, mining, and exploration. Discussions and laboratories are based
upon industrial case histories. Prerequisite: Geology 4521.

GEOLOGY 6541 Geology of Natural Resources (LEC 3.0)
The origin and distribution of economically important natural resources
including soils, water resources, metals, non-metals, building materials,
petroleum, and other energy resources. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 or
1120 or equivalents.

GEOLOGY 6551 Ore Deposition (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
An advanced study of mineral deposits, time and space in deposition,
theories of deposition and their effect on exploration. Discussions based
on maps, logs, and samples from the world’s typical mineral deposits.
Two all day field trips at student expense required. Prerequisite: Geology
3511.

GEOLOGY 6511 Advanced Palynology (LEC 1.0 and LAB 2.0)
Study of the processes of sporopollenin preservation, sedimentation
and palynofacies. Major emphasis on independent palynostratigraphic
research. Chronicle of Phanerozoic palynology in lectures. Prerequisite:
Geology 3631 or 4641.

GEOLOGY 6521 Clastic Sedimentary Petrology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Petrology and petrography of clastic sedimentary rocks. Emphasis
on origin, diagenesis and description of clastic, sedimentary rocks.
Prerequisite: Geology 3620.

GEOLOGY 6651 Granite and Rhyolite Petrogenesis (LAB 1.0 and LEC 3.0)
The origin of granites and rhyolites with respect to extreme fractionation,
crustal anatexis, magma mixing, and tectonic setting will be explored
through critical reading of the literature and examination of hand samples
and thin sections from classic geologic terranes. A research paper is
required as well as a field trip at the student’s expense. Prerequisite:
Geology 2620.

GEOLOGY 6711 Advanced Paleoclimatology and Paleoecology (LEC 3.0)
Advanced study of paleoclimatic and paleoecologic processes since the
Archean, and the interpretation of Holocene climate changes, including
human impacts. Extensive presentations and discussions of current
ideas and techniques in paleoclimatic studies. Prerequisite: Geology
3620.

GEOLOGY 6811 Sedimentary Basin Analysis (LEC 3.0)
An advanced study of stratigraphic, diagenetic and tectonic processes in
sedimentary basins. Prerequisites: Geology 3310, 3620, 3410 or 4441 or
4451.