GEOL 5000 Special Problems
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

GEOL 5001 Special Topics
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

GEOL 5010 Seminar
Discussion of current topics.

GEOL 5040 Oral Examination
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.

GEOL 5085 Internship
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.

GEOL 5099 Research
Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation.

GEOL 5111 Advanced Physical Geology
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.

GEOL 5121 Advanced Historical Geology
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.

GEOL 5311 Depositional Systems
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 Geology 3310 and Geology 3620.

GEOL 5411 Advanced Geochemistry
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.

GEOL 5511 Applied Petroleum Geology
The principles of petroleum geology are applied in solving hydrocarbon exploration and developmental problems. Geological and economical techniques for evaluating hydrocarbon bearing reservoirs are presented, with methods for decision making under conditions of extreme uncertainty. Prerequisite: Geology 5411.

GEOL 5513 Petroleum Geology
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 Geology 3310 and Geology 3620.

GEOL 5521 Coal Petrology
Formation, composition, and properties of coals. Discussion of the geology of selected coal deposits, the analysis of coal, and the optical identification of coal minerals. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

GEOL 5611 Granites And Rhyolites
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.

GEOL 5631 Carbonate Petrology
Petrology, chemistry and sedimentology of carbonates and other associated chemical sedimentary rocks. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 2620, 3620 and CHEM 1320 or equivalent; GEOLOGY 3410 recommended.

GEOL 5641 Advanced Igneous Petrology
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.

GEOL 5661 Advanced Stratigraphy and Basin Evolution
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 preceded or accompanied by Geology 3410. Prerequisites: Geology 3620 and Geology 3310.

GEOL 5671 Clay Mineralogy
Mineral structure, geochemical properties, occurrence, environment, and uses of clays. Determination of physical properties, optics, x-ray 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.

GEOL 5679 Field and Laboratory Studies in Earth Science
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.
GEOL681 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.

GEOL5741 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.

GEOL6000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)
Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

GEOL6001 Special Topics (LEC 0.0-6.0)
This course is designed to give the department an opportunity to test a new course. Variable title.

GEOL6010 Seminar (IND 0.0-6.0)
Discussion of current topics.

GEOL6040 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.

GEOL6050 Continuous Registration (IND 1.0)
Doctoral candidates who have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation, and are away from the campus must continue to enroll for at least one hour of credit each registration period until the degree is completed. Failure to do so may invalidate the candidacy. Billing will be automatic as will registration upon payment.

GEOL6085 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.

GEOL6099 Research (IND 0.0-15)
Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation.

GEOL6211 Geodynamics (LEC 3.0)
The applications of continuum physics to geological and petroleum engineering problems. Topics include plate tectonics, stress and strain in solids, elasticity and flexure, heat transfer, gravity, fluid mechanics, rock rheology, faulting, and flow in porous media. Prerequisites: Math 2222 and Geology 3318. (Co-listed with Pet Eng 6711).

GEOL6311 Advanced Structural Geology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
The course provides theoretical background, analytical techniques, and hands-on experience for analyzing geologic structures at a variety of scales hand sample to global. Prerequisites: Geology 3310, Geophys 4096.

GEOL6321 Analytical Structural Geology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
The course provides theoretical background, analytical techniques, and hands-on experience, for quantifying processes that lead to the formation and evolution of rocks and structures produced as a result of deformation at a variety of scales - hand sample to global. Poster - and oral - presentations, and a research paper required. Prerequisites: Geology 3310, Geophys 4096.

GEOL6331 Geotectonics (LEC 3.0)
A critical study of the origin, and differentiation of the earth, evolution of the crust, and plate tectonics. Geology of the continents and ocean basins. Regional tectonic analysis of precalamian shields, platforms, orogenic belts, and a review of internal energy sources. Emphasis is on North America. Prerequisite: Geology 3310.

GEOL6341 Advanced Remote Sensing And Image Processing (LEC 2.0 and LAB 1.0)
Quantitative methods of utilizing remote sensing technology for terrain analysis. Digital image processing of landsat and/or aircraft scanner data for mineral resource studies and geological engineering applications. Prerequisite: Geo Eng 5146. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 6146).

GEOL6411 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.

GEOL6421 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: GEOL 1110 or 1120 or equivalents.

GEOL6511 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.

GEOL6521 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.

GEOL6531 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.

GEOL6541 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: GEOL 1110 or 1120 or equivalents.

GEOL6551 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 6611 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 6621 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.