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. Prerequisite: Preceded or accompanied by GEOLOGY 1110. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 1119).

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 2096 Field Geology (LEC 3.0)
Theory and practice in the qualitative and quantitative description of spatial relationships of major rock types, contacts, and structures through construction of geologic maps. Emphasis on developing fundamental field skills, including logistical planning, navigation, data collection and documentation, and professional protocol during site visits. Students will be charged a fee to cover the cost of field trip expenses. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1111, 1110, 1119, & 1129.

GEOLOGY 2610 Mineralogy And Crystallography (LAB 1.0 and LEC 3.0)
An introduction to the study of minerals, including their systematic classification, crystallography, morphology, chemistry, societal use, geologic occurrence, environmental application and impact, and identification by means of their physical and chemical properties. Prerequisites: Chem 1310 and Chem 1319.

GEOLOGY 2611 Physical Mineralogy And Petrology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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 towards 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 (LAB 1.0 and LEC 3.0)
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 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 Metallic And Industrial 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. Two all day field trips at student expense required. Prerequisites: GEOLOGY 1110 and 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.
GEOL 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.

GEOL 3631 Systematic Paleontology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Introduction to the study of fossil invertebrates. Emphasis of the course is on fossil morphology, classification, and environmental relationships. Prerequisite: Geology 1120.

GEOL 3811 Fundamentals Of Geographic Information Systems (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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).

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

GEOL 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.

GEOL 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. (Co-listed with Geo Eng 4010, Pet Eng 4010).

GEOL 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: GEOL 2610, 2620, 3310, 3620, 3629, and 2096.

GEOL 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.

GEOL 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.

GEOL 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).

GEOL 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.

GEOL 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).

GEOL 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.

GEOL 4441 Applied Geochemistry (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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: Geology 2610 and Geology 3410.

GEOL 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: Geology 3410.

GEOL 4461 Isotope Geochemistry (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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.

GEOL 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.

GEOL 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.

GEOL 4711 Paleoclimatology 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 1120.
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 (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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 (LEC 0.0 and LAB 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 use made of facilities and/or faculties. In no case shall this be for less than three (3) semester hours for resident students.

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 (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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 Geology 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 Applied 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 hydrocarbon-bearing reservoirs are presented, with methods for decisionmaking under conditions of extreme uncertainty. Prerequisite: Geology 5411.

GEOLOGY 5513 Petroleum Geology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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 Geology 3310 and Geology 3620.

GEOLOGY 5521 Coal Petrology (LEC 3.0)
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.

GEOLOGY 5561 Granites And Rhyolithes (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 5611 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 preceded or accompanied by Geology 3410. May require one or two one-day field trips. Prerequisites: Geology 3620 and Geology 3310.

GEOLOGY 5613 Carbonate Petrology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
Petrology, chemistry and sedimtology 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 (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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 5651 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 5671 Clay Mineralogy (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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.

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 5741 Micropaleontology (LAB 1.0 and LEC 2.0)
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.