GEOSCI 100 — GENERAL GEOLOGY
3 credits.
Geologic processes, the structure and history of the earth, and minerals, rocks, fossils, and maps; field trips and discussion section. Open to Fr
Requisites: Not open to those who have had Geosci 101, 106 or 109.
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ATM OCN/ENVIR ST 102 — CLIMATE AND CLIMATE CHANGE
3 credits.
This course describes the basic climate principles governing the climate system. It describes the climate and climate variability at present, climate evolution in the past, and the projected climate change into the future. The scientific principles underlying the natural and anthropogenic greenhouse effect and climate model forecasts are elucidated.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ATM OCN 105 — SURVEY OF OCEANOGRAPHY
3-4 credits.
Nature and behavior of ocean water, interaction of oceans and atmosphere, structure of the ocean floor, life in the oceans, our relationship to the marine environment. Open to Freshmen
Requisites: High school physics or chem recommended.
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ENVIR ST 106 — ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY
3 credits.
Application of geology to problems resulting from the ever more intense use of the earth and its resources. Lecture and discussion. Open to Fr
Requisites: Not open to those who have had Geosci 101, 100, or 109.
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 107 — LIFE OF THE PAST
3 credits.
Minerals, rocks, geologic time; origin of life; paleobiology, evolution and classification of fossil plants, invertebrates, and vertebrates. Lecture, lab. Field trip optional. Open to Fr
Requisites: Not open to those who have had GEOSCI 204.
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2012

GEOSCI 110 — EVOLUTION AND EXTINCTION
4 credits.
Contemporary views of the origin and diversification of life; crises in the history of life, with emphasis on controversies regarding mass extinctions, particularly at the close of the Paleozoic and Mesozoic eras.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 111 — VOLCANOES AND CIVILIZATION
1 credit.
An introduction to the impact and influence volcanoes have had on the evolution of the Earth, life, human civilizations, and modern society.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 112 — MOUNTAINS AND MOVING PLATES
1 credit.
An introduction to the Earth's great mountain ranges, the processes that lead to their births and deaths, and the reasons why continental mountain ranges differ dramatically from oceanic mountains and mountains on other planets.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016
GEOSCI 115 — SCIENCE BEHIND THE NEWS - THE WORLD AROUND US
1-2 credits.

This internet course will examine the earth and environmental science behind the news with the goal of producing more informed and knowledgeable citizens. The content will vary from semester to semester as topical modules become available. Not open to stdts who have completed other 100-level Geoscience courses.

Requisites: Open to Fr.
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 117 — EX-FILES: LIFE IN THE EARTH'S EXTREME ENVIRONMENT
2 credits.

This course will explore the diversity of microbial life forms in modern and ancient geological environments, with a focus on extreme environments of geological origin or relevance. Inquire-based activities will include exploration of unusual aspects of microbial life in everyday settings, as well as preparation and presentation of individual projects.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 118 — EYE IN THE SKY: MONITORING THE EARTH BY SATELLITE
1 credit.


Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/ATM OCN 140 — NATURAL HAZARDS AND DISASTERS
3 credits.

An exploration of the science behind natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, landslides, tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. Why, where, and when do these events occur, and why are some predictable but others are not? The course will also address hazard assessment, forecasting, and mitigation to lessen their impact on society.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/ASTRON 160 — LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE
2 credits.

An examination of the origin and evolution of life in the universe based on our knowledge of astronomy, biology, and geology. Includes discussions on the search for extraterrestrial life and the history of life in our solar system.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 198 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.

Requisites: Graded on a Cr/N basis; requires cons inst
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI 199 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI 202 — INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGIC STRUCTURES
4 credits.

Introduction to recognition and mapping of geologic structures in the field. Landforms, folds, faults, tectonics, geologic maps, and field instrumentation.

Requisites: GEOSCI 100, 101, 106, 109 or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 203 — EARTH MATERIALS
5 credits.

An overview of minerals and the three major groups of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.

Requisites: GEOSCI 100, 101, 106, 109 or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req.
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2010
GEOSCI 204 — GEOLOGIC EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH
4 credits.

Physical evolution of the earth and its relationship to the development of life through geologic time. Lecture, lab, and field trips.

Requisites: GEOSCI 100, 101, 106, 109 or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 302 — PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF THE EARTH’S INTERIOR
3 credits.

Description of crust, mantle, and core of the earth as determined from geophysical and geochemical methods.

Requisites: GEOSCI 202 203
Course Designation: L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2009

GEOSCI 303 — FLUIDS AND SEDIMENTARY PROCESSES
3 credits.

Survey of fluid flow and sedimentary processes at and near the surface of the crust. Principal approach is via low-temperature aqueous geochemistry.

Requisites: GEOSCI 203 204
Course Designation: L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2009

GEOSCI 304 — GEOBIOLOGY
3 credits.

An integrative approach to studying the interaction between the atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and geosphere as they have evolved during earth history. Overarching theme includes ocean-climate system changes, biogeochemical cycles, evolution from microbes to mammals, and critical events in life history.

Requisites: GEOSCI 204 or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/GEOG 320 — GEOMORPHOLOGY
3 credits.

Principles and analysis of geomorphic processes and resulting landforms. Field trip.

Requisites: One of the following: GEOSCI 100, 101, 106, 109, 204, GEOG/ENVIR ST 120, 127
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/GEOG 326 — LANDFORMS-TOPICS AND REGIONS
3 credits.

Emphasis on natural and human processes that control the morphology of the land and its waterways. When taught by Knox, major emphasis on surface water hydrology, erosion, sedimentation, and physical characteristics of streams and rivers.

Requisites: Intro phy geog or phy geosci crse, or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2016

GEOSCI 331 — GEMS: THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE SPARKLE
1-2 credits.

This online course covers many of the important aspects of gemology. It explores the formation, collection, properties, and treatment of many popular gemstones. Stdts who have taken Geosci 306 are not eligible for 331. GEOSCI 331 does not count toward the geol major

Requisites: Jr st.
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 333 — THE AGE OF DINOSAURS
3 credits.

This course, intended for non-majors, will survey the evolution and paleobiology of important groups of vertebrates that lived during the Mesozoic Era. Animals that will be covered include dinosaurs, crocodilians, pterosaurs, lizards, turtles, and synapsids.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2012
GEOSCI/ATM OCN/ENVIR ST/GEOG 335 — CLIMATIC ENVIRONMENTS OF THE PAST
3 credits.

Climatic change at timescales from the last 1,000,000 years to the last 1000 years. Examines how climate variability arises from interplay between external forcings, feedbacks within the earth system, and (more recently) human activity.

Requisites: ENVIR ST/GEOG/ENVIR ST 120, ENVIR ST/GEOG/ENVIR ST 127, or ATM OCN 100

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 350 — INTRODUCTION TO GEOPHYSICS: THE DYNAMIC EARTH
3 credits.

Methods of geophysics applied to earth structure and plate tectonics. Principles of seismology, gravity, geodesy, magnetism and heat flow.

Requisites: MATH 221

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 360 — PRINCIPLES OF MINERALOGY
3 credits.

Minerals, their physical and chemical properties, crystallography, and geologic significance.

Requisites: 1 sem college chem or concurrent registration

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 370 — ELEMENTARY PETROLOGY
3 credits.

Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, studied in hand sample and thin section.

Requisites: GEOSCI/G L E 360

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ENVIR ST/F&W ECOL/G L E/GEOG/LAND ARC 371 — INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL REMOTE SENSING
3 credits.

Introduction to the Earth as viewed from above, focusing on use of aerial photography and satellite imagery to study the environment. Includes physical processes of electromagnetic radiation, data types and sensing capabilities, methods for interpretation, analysis and mapping, and applications.

Requisites: MATH 114 Sophomore standing

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/ENVIR ST/F&W ECOL/G L E/GEOG/LAND ARC 372 — INTERMEDIATE ENVIRONMENTAL REMOTE SENSING
3 credits.

Examines intermediate-level concepts in information extraction, data processing and radiative transfer relevant to remote sensing of the environment. Includes transforms, image correction, classification algorithms and change detection, with emphasis on applications for land use planning and natural resource management.

Requisites: Envir St 301 or consent of instructor, sophomore standing

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 375 — PRINCIPLES OF GEOCHEMISTRY
3 credits.

Provides a chemical basis for understanding the origin, evolution, distribution and interactions of chemical elements and isotopes between the lithosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere in geological and environmental processes.

Requisites: GEOSCI/G L E 360 and CHEM 109; and GEOSCI/G L E 370 or con reg; or cons inst

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 376 — TOPICS IN GEOLOGY
1-3 credits.

Special topics or discussions of recent research. To be given as the need and opportunity arise. Different sections of this course may be simultaneously offered in two or more areas of geology. May be repeated for credit.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2018
GEOSCI/ENVIR ST  410 — MINERALS AS A PUBLIC PROBLEM
3 credits.

Distribution of mineral resources; present and future problems of mineral supply; conservation of minerals, and mineral resources in relation to national and international policy.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth - Natural Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ENVIR ST  411 — ENERGY RESOURCES
3 credits.


Requisites: Crse in college level math a crse in phy sci or cons inst

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/GEOG  420 — GLACIAL AND PLEISTOCENE GEOLOGY
3 credits.

Principles, characteristics and work of glaciers; events of the Pleistocene. Field trip.

Requisites: GEOSCI 100, 101, 106 or 109 or GEOG/ENVIR ST  120

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/GLE  430 — SEDIMENTOLOGY AND STRATIGRAPHY
3 credits.

Comprehensive survey of the processes and products of sedimentation, including depositional environments, sedimentary tectonics, sequence stratigraphic principles, and analytical methods.

Requisites: GEOSCI 203 or GEOSCI/G L E  360 370; GEOSCI 204; and GEOSCI 100, 101 or 106

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/G L E  431 — SEDIMENTARY & STRATIGRAPHY LAB
1 credit.

Field- and specimen-based laboratory course in Sedimentology Stratigraphy; emphasizes qualitative and quantitative description and interpretation of sediments and sedimentary deposits.

Requisites: GEOSCI 204, GEOSCI/G L E  360, GEOSCI/G L E  370

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/CIV ENGR/ENVIR ST/G L E  444 — PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF GPS SURVEYING
2 credits.


Requisites: MATH 210, 211, 221 or equiv or cons inst

Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2017

GEOSCI/G L E  455 — STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
4 credits.

Principles of rock deformation, structures in layered rocks, structural analysis, intrusive structures. Lab: three-dimensional problems involving structural concepts; field trip. GEOSCI/G L E  360 and 370 recommended or concurrent registration

Requisites: GEOSCI 202, 204, one term of physics.

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 456 — GEOLOGIC FIELD METHODS
2 credits.

Theory and techniques of geologic mapping; field trips. Geology 456 cannot be taken in lieu of Geology 459.

Requisites: GEOSCI/G L E  455 must be taken con reg

Course Designation: Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2010
GEOSCI 457 — CONDUCTED FIELD TRIP
2 credits.

A one or two week trip primarily for the study of the principles and methods of geologic mapping.
Requisites: Cons inst; GEOSCI/G L E 370 or con reg
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 1987

GEOSCI 459 — FIELD GEOLOGY
6 credits.

Detailed geologic mapping and solution of related problems in the field. A multi institutional course based at Park City, Utah.
Requisites: GEOSCI 203 or GEOSCI/G L E 360 370; GEOSCI/G L E 455; cons inst
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2017

GEOSCI/G L E/M S & E 474 — ROCK MECHANICS
3 credits.

Classification of rock masses, stress and strain in rock, elastic and time-dependent behavior of rock, state of stress in rock masses, failure mechanisms, lab testing, geological and engineering applications.
Requisites: EMA 201 or 214, 304, or cons inst
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/G L E/M S & E 475 — ROCK MECHANICS APPLICATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS
3 credits.

Classification of rock for specific engineering purposes, in situ testing, applications to surface mining and slope stability, applications to underground mining and excavations, applications to waste disposal and underground storage, applications to novel methods of in situ mining, applications to earthquakes.
Requisites: MSE 474 or cons inst
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/HIST SCI 514 — HISTORY OF GEOLOGIC THOUGHT
3 credits.

Major concepts from earliest to modern times.
Requisites: Sr st, GEOSCI 100 or 101 204 or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

GEOSCI 515 — PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY
4 credits.

(Open to mining engineering students for 3 cr.) Composition, structure, occurrence, origin, and economic investigation of important groups of mineral deposits; problems of mineral deposition.
Requisites: GEOSCI 203 or GEOSCI/G L E 360 370; GEOSCI 204; or cons inst
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/GEOG 523 — QUATERNARY VEGETATION DYNAMICS
3 credits.

Geographic responses of plant species and terrestrial ecosystems to late-Quaternary environmental change, particularly changes in climate and carbon dioxide. Quaternary vegetation dynamics are relevant to understanding vegetational responses to the 21st-century climate change. Laboratory section emphasizes multivariate data analysis and vegetational modeling.
Requisites: Jr st GEOG/ENVIR ST 120/127 or equiv
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2013

GEOSCI/GEOG 524 — ADVANCED LANDFORM GEOGRAPHY
3 credits.

Purposes, methods, and content of analysis of landforms, with emphasis on quantitative descriptive regional variation, and functional relationships.
Requisites: Cons inst or Jr st
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2011
GEOSCI/GEOG 527 — THE QUATERNARY PERIOD
3 credits.
Principles of Quaternary studies emphasizing terrestrial records and paleoecology of the past two million years and comparisons with the deep ocean record and models of climatic change.
Requisites: 1 intermed-level course in physical geog or geosci; or consent of instructor
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ZOOLOGY 541 — PALEOBIOLOGY
3 credits.
The evolutionary process as interpreted from the fossil record. Topics include: the study of form; tempo and mode of evolution; levels and mechanisms of evolutionary change; extinction in the fossil record; trends and patterns in the history of life; macroevolution.
Requisites: GEOSCI 304 or 540 or course in introductory biology
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI/ZOOLOGY 542 — INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY
3 credits.
The evolutionary history, morphology, and ecology of fossil invertebrates. Labs emphasize fossil identification and recognition of basic morphological features.
Requisites: GEOSCI 107, 110, 204, or a course in introductory biology
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

GEOSCI 551 — OCEANOGRAPHY: RECENT MARINE SEDIMENTS
3 credits.
Origin, dispersal, composition, and in situ properties of recent clastic and carbonate seafloor deposits. Modern investigations of deep-sea cores, continental shelf and slope deposits, and on interpretation of mutually related oceanographic and sedimentary data.
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

GEOSCI 556 — MOUNTAIN BELTS
3 credits.
Examination of interaction of tectonic plates and the resulting structures.
Requisites: Geoscience 455
Course Designation: L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 557 — STRUCTURAL PETROLOGY
3 credits.
Petrographic investigation of rock fabrics and deformation using thin sections. Use of microscopes and U-stage.
Requisites: GEOSCI 203 or GEOSCI/G L E 360 370; GEOSCI/G L E 455; or cons inst
Course Designation: Breadth - Physical Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 594 — INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED GEOPHYSICS
3 credits.
Survey of applied geophysics, including seismic refraction, seismic reflection, electrical resistivity, gravity, and magnetics methods. The course will cover the basic physics of each method and modeling techniques and field procedures.
Requisites: 1 yr of college calc, 1 yr of college physics
Course Designation: L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 595 — FIELD METHODS IN APPLIED AND ENGINEERING GEOPHYSICS
1 credit.
The application of geophysical field methods for delineating near-surface features and/or structures as applied to engineering, environmental and exploration problems.
Requisites: 1 yr coll calc, 1 yr coll physics or EMA 201, 202 PHYSICS 202, prev or con reg in GLE/Geoscience 594
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017
GEOSCI 610 — GEOCHRONOLOGY, TIMESCALES, AND RATES OF GEOLOGIC PROCESSES
3 credits.

Application of radioisotopic (Ar-Ar, U-Pb, U-Th, U-He) and cosmogenic (He, Ne, Cl, Be, C) dating methods. Status of geologic, astronomic and palaeomagnetic timescales, Chronology of flood basalts, impacts, extinctions, glaciations. Constraints on rates of magmatism, mountain uplift, deformation, erosion, sedimentation.  
**Requisites:** GEOSCI 203 or GEOSCI/G L E 360 370 or equiv, or cons inst 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No 
**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 627 — HYDROGEOLOGY
3-4 credits.

Mathematical treatment of the physical principles governing the flow of groundwater; emphasis on well hydraulics and flow system analysis; problem sets and class projects.  
**Requisites:** Intro course in geol, Jr st MATH 221 or equiv 
**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No 
**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

GEOSCI/G L E 629 — CONTAMINANT HYDROGEOLOGY
3 credits.

Physical and chemical processes governing the transport of solutes in groundwater; application of hydrogeologic and geochemical theory and practice to the protection of aquifers from contamination; problem sets and group projects.  
**Requisites:** Geoscience 627 and college level chemistry or cons inst 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

GEOSCI 681 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits. 
**Requisites:** Consent of instructor 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H) 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

GEOSCI 682 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits. 
**Requisites:** Consent of instructor 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H) 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

GEOSCI 691 — SENIOR THESIS
3-4 credits. 

The senior thesis involves research conducted in collaboration with a faculty member (non honors students).  
**Requisites:** Major in geology and geophysics or geological engineering 
**Course Designation:** L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

GEOSCI 692 — SENIOR THESIS
3-4 credits. 

The senior thesis involves research conducted in collaboration with a faculty member (non honors students).  
**Requisites:** Major in geology and geophysics or geological engineering 
**Course Designation:** L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
**Repeatable for Credit:** No

GEOSCI 698 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-6 credits. 

Graded on a Cr/N basis; requires cons inst  
**Requisites:** Jr or Sr st. 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-6 credits. 

Graded on a lettered basis; requires cons inst  
**Requisites:** Jr or Sr st. 
**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced 
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S 
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI/G L E 724 — GROUNDWATER FLOW MODELING
3 credits. 

An introduction to the principles of modeling groundwater flow systems, with emphasis on regional flow system analysis. Conceptual understanding of governing equations, and the use of finite difference techniques to solve such equations are stressed. Students develop their own codes and are introduced to packaged models, including those developed by the U. S. Geological Survey.  
**Requisites:** GEOSCI/G L E 627 or equivalent, calculus 
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI 727 — ADVANCED HYDROGEOLOGY
1-3 credits. 

Advanced topics in Hydrogeology.  
**Requisites:** GEOSCI/G L E 627 and cons inst 
**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement 
**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions 
**Last Taught:** Spring 2016
GEOSCI 729 — FIELD APPLICATIONS IN HYDROGEOLOGY
2 credits.
Instruction and practice in instrumentation and techniques used in collection and interpretation of data. Lectures, labs, and field work in and around Madison.
Requisites: GEOSCI/G LE 627
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2015

GEOSCI 731 — CARBONATE GEOLOGY
2 credits.
Comprehensive survey of the processes and products of carbonate sedimentation. Enrolling students should have completed all or most of the geology course requirements for an undergraduate major, in particularly sedimentary geology and stratigraphy.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2017

GEOSCI 732 — GEOCHEMISTRY OF SEDIMENTS
3 credits.
Processes involved in the origin of chemical sediments; shales, carbonates, and evaporites.
Requisites: GEOSCI/G LE 360, 370
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 737 — CONDUCTED FIELD TRIP
2 credits.
A 10-day field trip to South Florida carbonate province or to the Ouachita-Ar buckle area, or to other areas pertinent to sedimentary geology. Lectures precede trip.
Requisites: A stratigraphy or sedimentology crse or cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2011

GEOSCI 740 — MICROPALæONTOLOGY I
3 credits.
Microscopic fossils; conodonts, foraminifera, and ostracodes in particular; their biology, ecology, evolution, and stratigraphic distribution.
Requisites: GEOSCI/ZOOLOGY 541
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2014

GEOSCI/ATM OCN/ENVIR ST/ZOOLOGY 750 — PROBLEMS IN OCEANOGRAPHY
3 credits.
Introduction to techniques used in the study of the biology, chemistry, geology, and physics of the marine environment.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 755 — ADVANCED STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
3 credits.
Structures in layered, intrusive, and metamorphic rocks; structural analysis.
Requisites: GEOSCI/G LE 455 or equiv
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2015

GEOSCI 758 — MECHANICS OF EARTHQUAKES AND FAULTING
3 credits.
Addresses current topics and controversies on fault mechanics, earthquake physics, and the rock record of seismicity. The course will emphasize critical reading and in-depth discussion of recent publications drawn from a variety of disciplines, including geophysical, geological, and geochemical studies and approaches.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 765 — CRYSTAL CHEMISTRY
3 credits.
Principles of crystal chemistry, emphasizing the structure and behavior of rock forming minerals.
Requisites: GEOSCI/G LE 360 or equiv or cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 771 — IGNEOUS PETROLOGY
3 credits.
Classification, characteristics, and petrogenesis of igneous rocks. Representative rock suites studied in lab.
Requisites: Geosci 660 or cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016
GEOSCI 772 — METAMORPHIC PETROLOGY
3 credits.
Metamorphic agents and processes; the metamorphic facies concept; illustrative rock suites studied in lab.
Requisites: Geoscience 370
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2009

GEOSCI 776 — INTERFACIAL BIOGEOCHEMISTRY
3 credits.
Geochemical basis for understanding reactions at interfaces between mineral surfaces, dissolved organic compounds, biomembranes and aqueous solutions. Topics include sorption, heterogeneous nucleation, mineral dissolution kinetics electric double-layer theory, surface-complexation models, surface spectroscopy, interfacial thermodynamics, biomineralization biomimetic materials synthesis, early evolution of life.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2014

GEOSCI 777 — ELECTRON MICROPROBE ANALYSIS
3 credits.
Proper use and functioning of electron probe and SEM, their use in microanalysis (WDS, EDS), range of applications, and limitations; plus lab.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No

GEOSCI 797 — TECTONOPHYSICS
3 credits.
Elasticity and flexure of the earth's lithosphere, heat conduction, mantle convection, earthquake mechanisms, rock rheology, and fluid migration in the earth's crust; integration of geophysical observations, laboratory experiments, and theoretical models.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

GEOSCI 875 — ADVANCED TOPICS IN GEOLOGY
1-3 credits.
Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 1992

GEOSCI 920 — SEMINAR IN GLACIAL AND PLEISTOCENE GEOLOGY
1-3 credits.
Subjects selected; field trips.
Requisites: GEOSCI/GEOG 320 420 or cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 929 — SEMINAR-HYDROGEOLOGY
1-2 credits.
Subject selected.
Requisites: GEOSCI/G 627 cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2015

GEOSCI 940 — SEMINAR IN PALEONTOLOGY
1 credit.
Requisites: Geosci 540-541
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2015
GEOSCI 955 — SEMINAR-STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
2 credits.

Requisites: GEOSCI/GL E 455 or equiv or cons inst
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2011

GEOSCI 970 — SEMINAR-GEOCHEMISTRY
2 credits.

Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2015

GEOSCI/ATM OCN/BOTANY/ENVIR ST/F&W ECOL/GEOG/ZOOLOGY 980 — EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE SEMINAR
1 credit.

Topics in earth system science. Emphasis on the coupling between atmospheric, oceanic and land surface systems, involving physical geochemical and biological processes, and including interactions with human systems.

Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2016

GEOSCI 990 — RESEARCH
1-12 credits.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

GEOSCI 991 — SEMINAR: GEOPHYSICS
1-3 credits.

Requisites: Graduate or professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2017

GEOSCI 999 — ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READING
1-3 credits.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions