

GEOSCIENCE, CERTIFICATE

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Talk with a Geoscience academic advisor about course selection, questions about declaring, and more: certificate_committee@geoscience.wisc.edu.

Certificate advisors can help students identify topics of interest within Geoscience, craft pathways through the certificate, and offer guidance on post-graduate careers and graduate school opportunities.

DECLARE THE CERTIFICATE

Students can declare this certificate by following the process described on the Department of Geoscience website (<https://geoscience.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/>). Students are welcome to declare at any time, before or after meeting with an advisor.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The certificate in Geoscience offers a valuable pathway for students in a wide range of majors (e.g., science, engineering, social science) to broaden their training and open opportunities for careers or graduate study in a wide range of fields (e.g., environmental geoscience, geology, geophysics, glaciology, climate, paleontology, planetary geology). The demand for such degree professionals is reflected in the large number of university geoscience programs worldwide and in the growing demand in the workforce for graduates with geoscience training. Key employment sectors include geoscience consulting firms, government agencies, energy and resource management industries, climate science and sustainability initiatives, and hazard assessment/disaster response organizations.

STUDY ABROAD

Learning in Letters & Science emphasizes discovery, growth, understanding different perspectives, and challenging yourself, which makes studying abroad an excellent fit for many L&S students: studyabroad.wisc.edu (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>)

As a university with global influence, we have more than 300 study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>) in over 80 countries. These vary in length, academic focus, teaching format, language requirements, cost, and level of independence. There are many programs to complement every major (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/#L&S>) and any year of college (including the final semester)—and all meet UW–Madison’s high academic standards. Students admitted into Letters & Science can even choose a short program in the summer before they start college or their whole first year: studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch (<http://studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch/>). Talk with your academic advisor about how studying abroad might fit with your academic plan.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes

into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students