

Bachelor of Arts, Majors and Minors

EARTH SCIENCE

A Minor is offered

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General Description

The Bachelor of Arts Minor in Earth Science is designed to provide foundational knowledge about the Earth's materials, processes, resources, and history. Earth Science is a multidisciplinary field in which the principles of chemistry, physics and mathematics are applied to understand how the Earth works and to solve the problems of the physical world. Earth Science literacy is of critical importance in understanding and solving challenges facing us regarding energy and resource availability and environmental security.

The Minor in Earth Science is designed to be taken as part of a Double Minor or as a Major and Minor combination for a Bachelor of Arts degree. The program provides a solid foundation in the physical sciences and the flexibility to create individualized programs of study.

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Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

Years 1 and 2 : GEOL 111, 112, 200, 201, 202, 206.

Years 3 and 4: Minimum of 18 credits of Earth Science* courses numbered 300 and above.

Upper-level Earth Science course options: GEOL 300, 301, 304, 308, 312, 380, 390, 470, 480, 490; CHEM 301, 302; GEOG 326, 328, 372, 373, 374, 376, and GEOG 428.

* Earth Science courses are approved lab science courses from the departments of Geology, Chemistry, Physics and Geography. Not all courses are offered each year. Please check the current course timetable to find out which courses are currently being offered.