

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, mathematics and biology are applied to understand how the Earth works. 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 Science or Bachelor of Arts. The program provides a solid foundation in the physical sciences and the flexibility to create individualized programs of study.

The Minor in Earth Sciences combines with Minors or Majors in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer Science. The Minor Earth Sciences also complements studies in Anthropology, Business, Economics, Creative Writing, Liberal Studies, and Geography. The program will be of particular interest to students proceeding towards a career in Primary and Secondary Education, with plans for teaching a science curriculum.

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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.