

Bachelor of Arts, Majors and Minors

EARTH SCIENCE

A Minor is offered

Note: VIU also offers a Bachelor of Science, Minor in Earth Science

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.

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: Require 6 core courses as follows:

Years 1 and 2	Credits
GEOL 111 - (Discovering Planet Earth)	4
GEOL 112 - (Understanding Earth's History)	4
GEOL 200 - (Mineralogy and Petrology)	3
GEOL 201 - (Sedimentology and Stratigraphy)	3
GEOL 202 - (Earth Structures)	3
GEOL 206 - (Field Geology and Geological Mapping)	3

Years 3 and 4: Minimum of 18 credits of Earth Science* courses numbered 300 and above from the following list:

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<i>18 credits from the following list:</i>	
CHEM 301 - (Aqueous Environmental Chemistry)	3
CHEM 302 - (Atmospheric Environmental Chemistry)	3
GEOG 326 - (Remote Sensing)	3
GEOG 328 - (Geographic Information Systems)	3
GEOG 372 - (Climatology)	3
GEOG 373 - (Biogeography)	3
GEOG 374 - (Hydrology)	3
GEOG 376 - (Geomorphology)	3
GEOG 428 - (GIS Applications)	3
GEOLOG 300 - (Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology)	3
GEOLOG 301 - (Cave & Karst Landscapes and Systems)	3
GEOLOG 304 - (Hydrogeology)	3
GEOLOG 308 - (Geochemistry)	3
GEOLOG 312 - (Environmental Geology)	3
GEOLOG 380 - (Earth Science Work Experience)	3
GEOLOG 390 - (Special Field Studies)	3
GEOLOG 470 - (Earth Science Issues in British Columbia)	3
GEOLOG 480 - (Earth Science Senior Work Experience)	3
GEOLOG 490 - (Directed Studies in Earth Science)	3

** Earth Science courses are approved lab science courses from the departments of Geology, Chemistry, Physics and Geography.*

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