

# GEOLOGY (B.S.)

Required course work includes the university requirements (see regulation J-3 (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/general-requirements-academic-procedures/j-general-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/>)) and:

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
GEOG 385	Foundations of GIS	3
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4
GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
GEOL 490	Geology Field Camp	3
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
Select one of the following:		4
GEOL 101 & 101L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	
GEOL 111 & 111L	Physical Geology for Science Majors and Physical Geology for Science Majors Lab	
Select one of the following:		4
PHYS 111 & 111L	General Physics I and General Physics I Lab	
PHYS 211 & 211L	Engineering Physics I and Laboratory Physics I	
<b>Options</b>		
Select one of the following options:		23-43
Physical Geology (p. 1)		
Energy Resiliency (p. 1)		
Environmental Hydrogeology (p. 1)		
Sustainable Mining and Earth Resource Management (p. 2)		
Geological Education (p. 2)		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>78-98</b>

## A. Physical Geology

Code	Title	Hours
Select 36-38 credits from the following:		
GEOL 212	Paleontology: Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life	
GEOL 309	Ground Water Hydrology	
GEOL 310	Geological Core Logging	
GEOL 318	Economic Geology	
GEOL 335	Geomorphology	
GEOL 407	Basin Analysis	
GEOL 410	Groundwater Field Methods	

GEOL 411	Advanced Paleontology
GEOL 423	Principles of Geochemistry
GEOL 428	Geostatistics
GEOL 433	Geodynamics
GEOL 435	Glaciology and the Dynamic Frozen Earth
GEOL 447	Geochronology and Thermochronology
GEOL 462	Petroleum Systems and Energy Transitions
GEOL 467	Volcanology
GEOL 471	Ore Deposits and Exploration
GEOL 474	Stable Isotopes in the Environment

**Total Hours** 36-38

## B. Energy Resiliency Option

Code	Title	Hours
GEOL 212	Paleontology: Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life	4
GEOL 462	Petroleum Systems and Energy Transitions	3
GEOL 471	Ore Deposits and Exploration	3
GEOG 313	Global Climate Change	3
GEOG 488	Geography of Energy Systems	3
GEOG 435	Climate Change Mitigation	3
ENGR 215	Elements of Materials Science	3
MSE 438	Fundamentals of Nuclear Materials	3
ENVS 484	History of Energy	3
ENVS 485	Energy Efficiency and Conservation	3
ENVS 415	Environmental Lifecycle Assessment	3
GEOL 318	Economic Geology	3

**Total Hours** 37

**Courses to total 120 credits for this degree**

## C. Environmental Hydrogeology Option

Code	Title	Hours
GEOL 309	Ground Water Hydrology	3
GEOL 361	Geology and the Environment	3
HYDR 409	Quantitative Hydrogeology	3
GEOL 410	Groundwater Field Methods	3
HYDR 412	Environmental Hydrogeology	3
GEOL 428	Geostatistics	3
GEOL 431	Chemical Hydrogeology	3
GEOL 435	Glaciology and the Dynamic Frozen Earth	3
or GEOL 474	Stable Isotopes in the Environment	

Select two courses from the following: 6-7

MATH 175	Calculus II
STAT 251	Statistical Methods
STAT 301	Probability and Statistics

Select one of the following: 4

PHYS 112 & 112L	General Physics II and General Physics II Lab
PHYS 212 & 212L	Engineering Physics II and Laboratory Physics II

Select one elective from the following: 6-8

GEOG 301	Meteorology
GEOG 401	Climatology

MATH 275	Calculus III
MATH 310	Ordinary Differential Equations
MATH 330	Linear Algebra
CHEM 112 & 112L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory
CHEM 275 & CHEM 276	Carbon Compounds and Carbon Compounds Lab
CHEM 277 & CHEM 278	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I: Lab
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>40-43</b>

Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

## D. Sustainable Mining and Earth Resource Management Option

Code	Title	Hours
CE 105	Civil Engineering Drafting	3
CE 211	Engineering Surveying	3
GEOE 465	Excavation and Materials Handling	3
GEOE 499	Directed Study	2
or GEOL 498	Senior Thesis	
or GEOL 400	Seminar	
GEOG 350	Sustainability of Global Development	3-4
GEOL 361	Geology and the Environment	3
GEOL 447	Geochronology and Thermochronology	3
or GEOL 474	Stable Isotopes in the Environment	
GEOL 462	Petroleum Systems and Energy Transitions	3
GEOL 471	Ore Deposits and Exploration	3
GEOL 428	Geostatistics	3
HYDR 412	Environmental Hydrogeology	3
FOR 207	Properties of Artificial Growth Media	1
or REM 280	Introduction to Wildland Restoration	
NRS 488	NEPA in Policy and Practice	3
or ENVS 479	Introduction to Environmental Regulations	
GEOL 318	Economic Geology	3
GEOL 310	Geological Core Logging	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>40-41</b>

## E. Geological Education Option

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 115	Cells and the Evolution of Life	3
BIOL 115L	Cells and the Evolution of Life Laboratory	1
GEOG 100	Introduction to Planet Earth	3
GEOG 100L	Introduction to Planet Earth Lab	1
GEOG 401	Climatology	3
GEOL 212	Paleontology: Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life	4
GEOL 335	Geomorphology	3
PHYS 103	General Astronomy	3
PHYS 104	Astronomy Lab	1
PLSC 205	General Botany	4
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 175	Calculus II	

MATH 330	Linear Algebra
STAT 251	Statistical Methods
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>29-30</b>

Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

## Physical Geology Option

Fall Term 1		Hours
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
MATH 143 or MATH 144	Precalculus I: Algebra or Precalculus II: Trigonometry	3
GEOL 101 or GEOL 111	Physical Geology or Physical Geology for Science Majors	3
GEOL 101L or GEOL 111L	Physical Geology Lab or Physical Geology for Science Majors Lab	1
GEOG 165 or GEOG 200	Human Geography ((Human and Artistic Ways of Knowing) or World Cultures and Globalization	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
Spring Term 1		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Fall Term 2		
PHYS 111 or PHYS 211	General Physics I or Engineering Physics I	3
PHYS 111L or PHYS 211L	General Physics I Lab or Laboratory Physics I	1
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing		3
Elective in GEOL		4
Elective in GEOL		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Spring Term 2		
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
Elective in GEOL		3
Societal Ways of Knowing		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Summer Term 2		
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
Fall Term 3		
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4
GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective in GEOL		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Spring Term 3		
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
American Diversity Course		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Oral Communication Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Summer Term 3		
GEOL 490	Geology Field Camp	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

Fall Term 4		
GEOL 385	Foundations of GIS	3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Spring Term 4		
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
Societal Ways of Knowing Course		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective in GEOL		3
Elective Course		1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>
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## Energy Resiliency Option

Fall Term 1		Hours
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
GEOL 165 or GEOG 200	Human Geography (Recommended - Both courses fulfill Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing and International requirements) or World Cultures and Globalization	3
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
MATH 144	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	1
(GEOL 101 AND GEOL 101L) OR (GEOL 111 AND GEOL 111L)		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

Spring Term 1		Hours
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Fall Term 2		Hours
GEOL 212	Paleontology: Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life	4
MSE 201		3
GEOL 318	Economic Geology	3
(PHYS 111 AND PHYS 111L) OR (PHYS 211 AND PHYS 211L)		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

Spring Term 2		Hours
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
GEOG 385	Foundations of GIS	3
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

Summer Term 2		Hours
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

Fall Term 3		Hours
GEOG 313	Global Climate Change	3
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4
GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
GEOL 462	Petroleum Systems and Energy Transitions	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

Spring Term 3		Hours
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
MSE 438	Fundamentals of Nuclear Materials	3
American Diversity Course		3
Oral Communication Course		3

Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Summer Term 3		Hours
GEOL 490 or GEOL 489	Geology Field Camp or Virtual Field Camp	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

Fall Term 4		Hours
GEOL 471	Ore Deposits and Exploration	3
GEOG 435	Climate Change Mitigation	3
ENVS 485	Energy Efficiency and Conservation	3
GEOL 350	Sustainability of Global Development (Recommended)	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Spring Term 4		Hours
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
ENVS 484	History of Energy	3
GEOL 488	Geography of Energy Systems	3
ENVS 415	Environmental Lifecycle Assessment	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## Environmental Hydrogeology Option

Fall Term 1		Hours
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
GEOL 101 or GEOL 111	Physical Geology or Physical Geology for Science Majors	3
GEOL 101L or GEOL 111L	Physical Geology Lab or Physical Geology for Science Majors Lab	1
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
MATH 144	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	1
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
Oral Communication Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

Spring Term 1		Hours
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Fall Term 2		Hours
GEOL 309	Ground Water Hydrology	3
MATH 175 or STAT 251 or STAT 301	Calculus II or Statistical Methods or Probability and Statistics	4
(PHYS 111 AND PHYS 111L) OR (PHYS 211 AND PHYS 211L)		4
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

Spring Term 2		Hours
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
STAT 251 or MATH 175 or STAT 301	Statistical Methods or Calculus II or Probability and Statistics	3
(PHYS 112 AND PHYS 112L) OR (PHYS 211 AND PHYS 211L)		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Summer Term 2		Hours
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

Fall Term 3		Hours
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4

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GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
GEOL 361	Geology and the Environment	3
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Term 3</b>		
GEOL 474 or GEOL 435	Stable Isotopes in the Environment or Glaciology and the Dynamic Frozen Earth	3
HYDR 412	Environmental Hydrogeology	3
GEOG/MATH/CHEM, Major Elective Course		3
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
American Diversity Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer Term 3</b>		
GEOL 490 or GEOL 489	Geology Field Camp or Virtual Field Camp	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 4</b>		
GEOL 410	Groundwater Field Methods	3
HYDR 409	Quantitative Hydrogeology	3
GEOG 385	Foundations of GIS	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing		3
GEOG/MATH/CHEM, Major Elective Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Term 4</b>		
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
GEOL 428	Geostatistics	3
GEOL 431	Chemical Hydrogeology	3
International Course (GEOG 350 recommended)		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>124</b>

## Sustainable Mining and Earth Resource Management Option

<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		<b>Hours</b>
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
MATH 144	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	1
GEOL 101 or GEOL 111	Physical Geology or Physical Geology for Science Majors	3
GEOL 101L or GEOL 111L	Physical Geology Lab or Physical Geology for Science Majors Lab	1
GEOG 165 or GEOG 200	Human Geography (Recommended - Both courses fulfill Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing and International requirements) or World Cultures and Globalization	3
Oral Communication Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
GEOL 318	Economic Geology	3
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4
PHYS 111 or PHYS 211	General Physics I or Engineering Physics I	3
PHYS 111L	General Physics I Lab	1

or PHYS 211L	or Laboratory Physics I	
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
GEOG 385	Foundations of GIS	3
CE 105	Civil Engineering Drafting	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Summer Term 2</b>		
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>Fall Term 3</b>		
CE 211	Engineering Surveying	3
GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
GEOL 361	Geology and the Environment	3
GEOL 462	Petroleum Systems and Energy Transitions	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring Term 3</b>		
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
FOR 207 or REM 280	Properties of Artificial Growth Media or Introduction to Wildland Restoration	1
GEOL 498 or GEOL 400 or GEOE 499	Senior Thesis (or internship) or Seminar or Directed Study	2
American Diversity Course		3
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Summer Term 3</b>		
GEOL 490 or GEOL 489	Geology Field Camp or Virtual Field Camp	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Senior</b>		
<b>Fall Term 4</b>		
GEOE 465	Excavation and Materials Handling	3
GEOL 310	Geological Core Logging	1
GEOL 471	Ore Deposits and Exploration	3
ENVS 479 or NRS 488	Introduction to Environmental Regulations or NEPA in Policy and Practice	3
HYDR 412	Environmental Hydrogeology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring Term 4</b>		
GEOG 350	Sustainability of Global Development (International Course)	3
GEOL 428	Geostatistics	3
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
GEOL 474	Stable Isotopes in the Environment	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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<b>Fall Term 1</b>		<b>Hours</b>
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
MATH 144	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	1
(GEOL 101 AND GEOL 101L) OR (GEOL 111 AND GEOL 111L)		4
Oral Communication Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	3

CHEM 111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GEOL 102	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 102L	Historical Geology Lab	1
MATH 170	Calculus I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
BIOL 115	Cells and the Evolution of Life	3
BIOL 115L	Cells and the Evolution of Life Laboratory	1
GEOL 249	Mineralogy and Optical Mineralogy	4
(PHYS 111 AND PHYS 111L) OR (PHYS 211 AND PHYS 211L)		4
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
GEOG 100	Introduction to Planet Earth	3
GEOG 100L	Introduction to Planet Earth Lab	1
GEOL 212	Paleontology: Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life	4
GEOL 326	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	4
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer Term 2</b>		
GEOL 302	Field Geology Methods	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 3</b>		
ENGL 318	Science Writing	3
GEOG 385	Foundations of GIS	3
GEOL 324	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	4
GEOL 345	Structural Geology	4
MATH 175 OR MATH 330 OR STAT 251		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring Term 3</b>		
GEOL 335	Geomorphology	3
GEOL 422	Principles of Geophysics	4
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
International Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Summer Term 3</b>		
GEOL 490 or GEOL 489	Geology Field Camp or Virtual Field Camp	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 4</b>		
GEOL 423	Principles of Geochemistry	3
PHYS 103	General Astronomy	3
PHYS 104	Astronomy Lab	1
American Diversity Course		3
Elective Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring Term 4</b>		
GEOG 401	Climatology	3
PLSC 205	General Botany	4
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
Elective Course		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

Registrar's Office regarding your official degree/certificate completion status.

Graduates will demonstrate fundamental content knowledge about geologic time, Earth materials and structure, and Earth systems and processes.

Graduates will be proficient in discipline-specific skills including field methods, laboratory methods, mapping and geospatial analysis, experimentation and data analysis, application of principles from other fields to the solution of geological problems, and specific technical skills appropriate to their intended careers.

Graduates will solve geologic problems using their skills in spatial reasoning, temporal reasoning, systematic thinking, and data collection and analysis.

Graduates will be able to design and carry out a project, collaborate with others, and communicate their work and their results to varying audiences.

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