

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOLOGY

MEWBOURNE COLLEGE OF EARTH AND ENERGY

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education
Summer 2015 through Spring 2016

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	
Total Credit Hours	120*
Total Upper-Division Credit Hours	48
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Minimum in OU Coursework	2.50
Minimum in Major Coursework- Combined and OU	2.50
Overall - Combined and OU	2.50

Paleontology

B760
Bachelor of Science
in Geology

OU encourages students to complete at least 32 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	MATH 1914, Differential and Integral Calculus I (Core I) [§]	4		
	CHEM 1315, General Chemistry (Core II)	5		
	GEOL 1114, Physical Geology for Science and Engineering Majors	4	MATH 2924, Differential and Integral Calculus II [§] CHEM 1415, General Chemistry (Continued) ³ GEOL Elective	4 5 3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE	MATH 2934, Differential and Integral Calculus III [§]	4	HIST 1483 or 1493, U.S. (Core IV)	3
	GEOL 2224, Introduction to Mineral Sciences	4	PHYS 2514, General Physics for Engineering & Science Majors (Core II)	4
	BIOL 1114, Introductory Zoology	4	GEOL 3233, Sedimentary Petrology and Sedimentology	3
	¹ General Education Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III) BIOL 1121, Introductory Zoology Laboratory	3 1
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14
JUNIOR	PHYS 2524, General Physics for Engineering & Science Majors	4	GEOL 3223, Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	3
	BIOL 2013, Evolution	3	² GEOL 4513, Evolutionary Paleobiology	3
	GEOL 3114, Structural Geology	4	² GEOL 4413, Paleobotany	3
	GEOL 3513, Invertebrate Paleontology	3	¹ General Education Social Science (Core III) ¹ General Education Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3 3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	ENGL 3153, Technical Writing, or ⁵ GEOL 3333, Geowriting	3	GEOL 3123, Introductory Field Geology	3
	GEOL 4113, Depositional Systems & Stratigraphy	3	BIOL 3403, Principles of Ecology	3
	⁴ One of the following: (see note below) GPHY 4413, Global Geophysics GEOL 4223, Principles of Geochemistry	3	² BIOL 5204, Vertebrate Paleobiology	4
	Science Elective	3	¹ General Education Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	13
SUMMER			GEOL 4136, Field Geology (Capstone)—6 CREDIT HOURS	

- * = Students who have not completed two years of the same foreign language in high school are required to take two college courses in the same foreign language. This additional coursework may add 6-10 hours to the minimum hours required for graduation.
- ‡ = In order to progress in your curriculum, and as a specific graduation requirement, a grade of C or better is required in each course in this curriculum. Students must also successfully complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better before proceeding to the next course.
- ¹ = To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major.
- ² = GEOL 4413, 4513 and BIOL 5204 are taught in alternate years and specific semesters. Students should plan their coursework with this in mind so that graduation problems do not arise. The order in which these courses are taken must be approved by faculty adviser.
- ³ = One Geology course from the following: 1003, 1013, 1024, 1133, 3154, 3633, 4213, 4533, or other non-required geology courses as approved by adviser (notation must be placed on Degree Navigator). Upper-division courses require additional prerequisites.
- ⁴ = Only one of the following courses is required. GPHY 4413 is taught alternate fall semesters; GEOL 4223 is taught alternate spring semesters.
- ⁵ = GEOL 3333 is taught on an irregular basis and may be substituted for ENGL 3513, Technical Writing.
- § = MATH 1823, 2423, 2433, and 2443 may be substituted for MATH 1914, 2924, and 2934.

University-Wide General Education Requirements (minimum 40 hours)

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV, or Capstone are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list, including at least one upper-division Gen. Ed. course outside of the student's major. Courses graded S/U or P/NP will not apply.

Core I	Symbolic and Oral Communication (9–19 hours, 3–5 courses) • English Composition—6 hours, 2 courses • Mathematics—3 hours, 1 course • Foreign Language—0–10 hours, 2 courses in the same language, (can be met by successfully completing 2 years of the same foreign language in high school) • Other (courses such as communication, logic or public speaking)
Core II	Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) • Courses must be taken from different disciplines in the biological and/or physical sciences; one of which must include a laboratory.
Core III	Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses) • One course must be P SC 1113, "American Federal Government"
Core IV	Humanities (12 hours, 4 courses) • Understanding Artistic Forms—3 hours, 1 course • Western Civilization and Culture—6 hours, 2 courses, including HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 • Non-Western Cultures—3 hours, 1 course
Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course)	