

Bachelor of Science

GEOLOGY

Degree Map | 2020-2024

	YOUR CLASS	ACADEMIC	ENRICHING	LIFELONG
	SCHEDULE	ADVISING	EXPERIENCES	SUCCESS
Freshman	Complete core courses recommended for your degree plan Focus on English, Math, and Science courses Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester, Summer term optional	Participate in New Student Orientation Meet with your Academic Advising Center Freshman Advisor before registration Ask you Advisor about the Department of Geosciences recommended core courses for your degree plan	Prioritize Your Wellness Participate in campus recreation Attend Financial Literacy seminars Form healthy study habits Build Your Community Use FalconLink & attend Club Day Volunteer Attend campus events Explore Your World Attend an athletics event, musical performance, or visit the art gallery	Build Your Brand Draft your resume Register for the Job Board Craft Your Future Explore career options Have coffee with a faculty member Attend the Annual Geoscience Symposium
Sophomore	Complete core courses recommended for your degree plan Focus on English, Math, and Science courses Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester, Summer term optional	Meet with your Academic Advising Center Advisor before registration Ask you Advisor about the Department of Geosciences recommended core courses for your degree plan and transitioning to a Faculty Advisor in the Department of Geosciences	Prioritize Your Wellness • Enjoy outdoor spaces on campus Build Your Community • Join an organization (ex: Geology Club, AAPG, or SEG) • Explore campus leadership (SGA, Orientation Leader, Resident Asst.) Explore Your World • Consider study abroad • Attend a lecture series	Build Your Brand • Update your resume • Join LinkedIn • Consider student employment • Explore undergraduate research opportunities with Geosciences Department Faculty Craft Your Future • Participate in mock interviews • Attend an internship/career fair • Attend the Annual Geoscience Symposium
Junior	Complete required Geology courses on 2-year rotation Complete additional core courses recommended for your degree plan Enroll in elective geology courses Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester Enroll in 6 credit hours Field Geology Course during the Summer term	Meet with your Faculty Advisor before registration Determine if a minor is appropriate for your degree plan Ask you Advisor about the Department of Geosciences recommended core courses for your degree plan	Prioritize Your Wellness Attend a health fair Build Your Community Run for organization officer role Apply to be a Falcon Ambassador Explore Your World Consider study abroad Participate in service learning	Update your resume Conduct research with faculty Attend networking events with the West Texas Geological Society, Permian Basin Section of the Society of Sedimentary Geology, and Permian Basin Section of the Society of Economic Geophysicists Craft Your Future Search for internships or fellowships
Senior	Complete required Geology courses on 2-year rotation Complete additional core courses recommended for your degree plan Complete elective geology courses Enroll in 15 credit hours Fall and Spring semester	Meet with your Faculty Advisor before registration Ask you Advisor about the Department of Geosciences recommended core courses for your degree plan Discuss plans for after graduation	Prioritize Your Wellness Attend financial literacy seminars Build Your Community Attend your ring ceremony Join Alumni Association upon graduation Explore Your World Consider study abroad (summer prior to senior year)	Build Your Brand Update your resume Present research Continue attending networking events Craft Your Future Participate in an internship or fellowship Apply for jobs

UTPB students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Environmental Awareness

Social Responsibility

- Problem-solving
- Communication • Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

Career opportunities:

- Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Data science
- Petroleum Industry
- Government
- Environmental



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Bachelor of Science in Geology Course Enrollment Plan*

Semester 1

English 1301 Composition
HIST 1301 History of the USA to 1877
COMM 1301 Intro to the Study of Communication™
MATH 2412 Precalculus
ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation

16 hours

Semester 2

English 1302 Composition 2 HIST 1302 History of the USA since 1877 COMM 1315 Intro to Public Speaking* PLSC 2305 American and National Politics MATH 2412 Calculus 1

16 hours

Semester 3

PLSC 2306 State and Local Politics ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics PHYS 1301/1101 College Physics 1 GEOL 1301/1101 Physical Geology with Lab

14 hours

Semester 4

MATH 3301 Statistics
PHYS 1302/1102 College Physics 2[™]
GEOL 1302/1102 Historical Geology with Lab
CHEM 1311/1111 General Chemistry 1

15 hours

Geoscience courses are taught on a 2-year rotation. Depending on the year of entry, course offerings will vary for upper division courses.

Semester 5 (Junior–Senior semester 1; even years)

CHEM 1312/1112 General Chemistry 2 GEOL 3303/3103 Intro to Mineralogy GEOL 3307/3107 Invertebrate Paleontology GEOL Elective Course[™]

15 hours

Semester 6 (Junior–Senior semester 2; odd years)

GEOL 3304/3101 Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks GEOL 3329/3129 GIS and GPS Applications GEOL 4100 Basic Field Methods GEOL Elective Course[™]

12 hours

Semester 7 (Summer Junior-Senior Year)

GEOL 4600 Advanced Field Geology

6 hours

Semester 8 (Junior–Senior semester 3; odd years)

GEOL 3305/3105 Structural Geology GEOL 3308/3108 Sedimentology GEOL Elective Course[®] GEOL Elective Course[®]

14 hours

Semester 9 (Junior–Senior semester 4; even years)

GEOL 3309 Sequence Stratigraphy GEOL Elective Course[™] GEOL Elective Course[™] GEOL Elective Course[™]

12 hours

^{*}Suggested enrollments for first time freshmen. Transfer students and students changing majors should consult with the Geoscience Department Advisors.

^{*}Multiple course options available to fulfill this requirement. Consult the course catalog and with your advisor to discuss options.