

GEOLOGY: PRE-LAW, BS

Degree Programs

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2023-2024. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
ENGL 1213	Composition II	3
or ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
or ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)</i>		
MATH 2144	Calculus I (A) ¹	4
<i>Humanities (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course.		
PHYS 2014	University Physics I (LN) ¹	4
or PHYS 1114	College Physics I (LN)	
Select four hours from the following:		4
BIOL 1113	Introductory Biology (N)	
& BIOL 1111	and Introductory Biology Laboratory (LN) ¹	
BIOL 1114	Introductory Biology (LN) ¹	
<i>Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)</i>		
Course designated (S)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S)		7
Hours Subtotal		40
Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I)		
May be completed in any part of the degree plan.		
At least one Diversity (D) course		
At least one International Dimension (I) course		
College/Departmental Requirements		
<i>First Year Seminar</i>		
(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)		1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
(See note 2.a.)		3
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		

CHEM 1314	Chemistry I (LN)	4
CHEM 1515	Chemistry II (LN)	5
(See note 2.b.)		
<i>Foreign Languages</i>		
(See note 3.)		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
6 hours outside major department		
(See note 2.c.)		
Hours Subtotal		13
Major Requirements		
Minimum grade of "C" in all Geology courses.		
Core Curriculum:		
GEOL 1214	Introductory Geological Processes (LN)	4
or GEOL 1114	Physical Geology (LN)	
GEOL 1224	Evolution of the Earth (LN)	4
GEOL 2464	Rocks and Minerals	4
GEOL 3014	Structural Geology	4
GEOL 3034	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentology	4
GEOL 3503	Environmental Geology (N)	3
GEOL 4023	Petroleum Geology	3
or GEOL 4453	Hydrogeology	
GEOL 3546	Field Geology	6
PHYS 2114	University Physics II (LN)	4
or PHYS 1214	College Physics II (LN)	
3 hours STAT designated (A)		3
Pre-Law Curriculum:		
18 hours from:		18
AGEC 3713	Agricultural Law	
ENGL 3323	Technical Writing	
LSB 3213	Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business	
LSB 4633	Legal Aspects of International Business Transactions (I)	
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (A)	
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)	
POLS 3033	International Law	
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis	
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy	
PSYC 4143	Psychology and Law	
SOC 4313	Sociology of Law	
SOC 4433	Environmental Sociology (S)	
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)	
or other courses as approved by the Geology undergraduate advisor.		
Hours Subtotal		57
Electives		
Select 10 hours		10
May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language.		
See note 3.		
MATH 1513 and MATH 1813 required for students who do not place directly into MATH 2144.		

Hours Subtotal	10
Total Hours	120

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College and Departmental Requirements that may be used to meet General Education Requirements.

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Excluding GEOL 3043 Geology of the National Parks (N), GEOL 3413 Petroleum Geology for Engineers, and GEOL 3513 Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Disasters (N).

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
 - c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.).

Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.

- b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- **At least:** 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 and 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- **Limit of:** one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2028.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an **example** of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
BIOL 1113 & BIOL 1111	Introductory Biology (N) and Introductory Biology Laboratory (LN)	4

GEOL 1214/1114	Introductory Geological Processes (LN)	4
MATH 2144	Calculus I (A)	4
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (A) (recommended PLAW)	3
Hours		15
Spring		
CHEM 1314	Chemistry I (LN)	4
GEOL 1224	Evolution of the Earth (LN)	4
General Education and College courses		6
Hours		14
Sophomore		
Fall		
GEOL 2464	Rocks and Minerals	4
3 hours STAT (A)		3
General Education, College, Major courses		7
Hours		14
Spring		
GEOL 2403	Chemistry of Earth Systems (every other year)	3
PHYS 1114	College Physics I (LN)	4
or PHYS 2014	or University Physics I (LN)	
Major, College, and Elective courses		9
Hours		16
Junior		
Fall		
GEOL 3014	Structural Geology	4
Major, College, and Elective courses		11
Hours		15
Spring		
GEOL 2103	Fundamentals of Geophysics (every other year)	3
or GEOL 2403	or Chemistry of Earth Systems	
GEOL 3034	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentology	4
GEOL 3503	Environmental Geology (N)	3
Major, College, and Elective courses		5
Hours		15
Summer		
GEOL 3546	Field Geology	6
Hours		6
Senior		
Fall		
GEOL 4453	Hydrogeology	3
or GEOL 4023	or Petroleum Geology	
Major, College, and Elective courses		9
Hours		12
Spring		
GEOL 2103	Fundamentals of Geophysics (every other year)	3
GEOL 4023	Petroleum Geology (every other year)	3
or GEOL 4453	or Hydrogeology	
Major, College, and Elective courses		7
Hours		13
Total Hours		120