

# Program Change Request

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Viewing: **GEOL : Geology Minor**

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Changes proposed by: muhen

**Catalog Pages  
Using this Program**

[Geology Minor](#)

No Longer 2022-2023  
~~Accounting Students~~  
Anticipated closure  
date (i.e., calendar  
date students are  
Rationale for

**Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?**

No

~~Requester:~~

**Effective Catalog:** 2022-2023

**Program Level:** Undergraduate

**Program Type:** Minor

~~Degree Type:~~

**Title:**  
Geology Minor

**Banner Title:** Geology Minor

## In Workflow

1. Registrar-  
Programs:Workflow  
Review
2. AOES Committee
3. AOES Chair
4. SC Curriculum  
Committee
5. SC Associate Dean
6. Assoc Provost-  
Undergraduate
7. Registrar-Programs

## Approval Path

1. 01/12/22 7:00 pm  
Tory Sarro (vsarro):  
Approved for  
Registrar-  
Programs:Workflow  
Review
2. 01/20/22 12:28 pm  
Barry Klinger  
(bklinger):  
Approved for AOES  
Committee
3. 01/31/22 2:28 pm  
Mark Uhen  
(muhen): Approved  
for AOES Chair
4. 02/17/22 11:05 am  
Jennifer Bazaz  
Gettys (jbazaz):  
Rollback to AOES  
Chair for SC  
Curriculum  
Committee

## History

1. Nov 9, 2017 by  
clmig-jwehrheim
2. Jan 29, 2018 by  
rzachari
3. Feb 18, 2021 by  
Johanna Riemen  
(jriemen)

**Is this a retitling of an existing program?**

Existing Program

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV

Registrar's Office Use Only – Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SCHEV

Registrar/OAPI Use Only – SACSCOC Status

Concentration(s)

INTO Major(s)

Registrar/IRR Use Only –

Concentration CID

**College/School:** College of Science

**Department / Academic Unit:** Atmospheric, Oceanic, & Earth Sciences

**Jointly Owned Program?** No

Participating

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**Justification**

What: Adding GEOL 103 as a sequence to GEOL 101.

Why: GEOL 103 was decoupled into a separate lecture and separate lab.

## Catalog Published Information

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**Total Credits Required:** Total credits: 20

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:**

GEOL

**Registrar/IRR Use  
Only – Program CIP  
Code****Admission  
Requirements:****Program-Specific  
Policies:**

## Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#). Students may not receive both the Geology Minor and the [Earth Science Minor](#).

**Degree Requirements:**

This is a Green Leaf program.

Students should refer to [the Admissions & Policies tab](#) for specific policies related to this program.

Students must successfully complete the following coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

## Geology Courses

<a href="#">GEOL 101</a>	Physical Geology ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	4
& <a href="#">GEOL 103</a>	and Physical Geology Lab	
<a href="#">GEOL 102</a>	Historical Geology ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	4
& <a href="#">GEOL 104</a>	and Historical Geology Laboratory ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
<a href="#">GEOL 302</a>	Mineralogy	4
Total Credits		12

## Additional Geology Courses

Select 8 credits from the following:		8
<a href="#">GEOL 304</a>	Sedimentary Geology	
<a href="#">GEOL 308</a>	Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology	
<a href="#">GEOL 312</a>	Invertebrate Paleontology	
<a href="#">GEOL 317</a>	Geomorphology	
<a href="#">GEOL 401</a>	Structural Geology	
Total Credits		8

**Retroactive  
Requirements  
Updates:****Plan of Study:**

**Honors  
Information:**

**Accelerated  
Description/Dual  
Degree  
Description:**

**INTO-Mason  
Requirements:**

**College  
Requirements &  
Policies:**

**Department /  
Academic Unit  
Requirements &  
Policies:**

**Program Outcomes**

**Additional Program Information**

*This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.*

**Courses offered via  
distance (if**

**Indicate whether  
students are able**

**What is the  
primary delivery  
format for the  
program?**

**Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?**

**Off-campus details:**

Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?

Please explain:

Related  
Departments

Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in Virginia or elsewhere?

## Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information

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Is the content of the new program closely related to that of an existing approved program at the same instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, doctoral)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "advancing the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at lower degree level, new content is at the higher degree level)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this new program considered to be "lowering the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at higher degree level, new content is at the lower degree level)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Is this a re-opening of a program that was closed to admission within the last five years?

Date of Program Closure

What are the methods of delivery for the program?

Does this program include a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

Is this change a simple retitling of an existing program, with no other changes, to any existing program content, curriculum requirements, etc?

Does this change represent a repackaging of content in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same instructional level (i.e., baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral)?

Which existing approved program(s)?

Percentage of total credits containing new course content. ("New course content" is defined by SACSCOC as content that is not currently included in an existing approved degree/certificate program at the same instructional level. Do not exclude gen ed credits in calculations for undergraduate programs

Does this change include the addition of a distance education or face-to-face method of delivery for this program?

What is the new method of delivery?

Does this change include the addition of a course/credit-based competency-based education delivery option?

Will any additional equipment/facilities be needed?

**OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact**

Comments or Notes

**Green Leaf Program Designation**

Is this a Green Leaf program? Yes

Green Leaf Designation Sustainability-focused designation

*Sustainability-focused academic programs require at least one green leaf course. Either that course is itself sustainability-focused or else the program requires a set of sustainability-related courses with aggregated substance equivalent to a sustainability-focused course.*

Relationship to Existing Courses

Relationship to Existing Programs

List sustainability-focused courses currently required in the degree program:

Sustainability-related academic programs either require at least one sustainability-related course or else offer any green leaf course as an option or elective \*

List sustainability-related courses currently required

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Impacted Departments

Additional Attachments

SCHEV Proposal Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz) (02/17/22 11:05 am): Rollback: Rolling back for more information- thanks!

Additional Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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Attached Document

[%attach\\_document.eshtml%](#)