

Program Change Request

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Program Inactivation Proposal

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Viewing: **ESCI : Earth Science Minor**

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Changes proposed by: jbazaz

Catalog Pages
Using this Program

[Earth Science Minor](#)

No Longer
Accepting Students
Effective Catalog

2026-2027

Anticipated close
Rationale for
Inactivation

[What: Inactivating the minor.](#)

[Why: Streamlining our minors to better match the recent changes that were made to our majors and to better reflect the range of courses that are now being taught regularly in AOES given that we have some new faculty members since our minor was last updated many years ago.](#)

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

In Workflow

1. **AOES Chair**
2. **SC Curriculum Committee**
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost-Undergraduate
5. Registrar:Inactivate Code
6. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 11/05/25 4:32 pm
Mark Uhen
(muhen): Approved for AOES Chair

History

1. Nov 8, 2017 by
clmig-jwehrheim
2. Jan 29, 2018 by
rzachari
3. May 6, 2022 by
Jennifer Bazaz

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Minor

Title: Earth Science Minor

Banner Title: Earth Science Minor

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

**Registrar's Office
Use Only –
Program Start Term**

**Registrar/OAPI Use
Only – SACSCOC
Status**

College/School: College of Science

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

Jointly Owned Program? No

Is there an embedded degree as part of a program?

Justification

Catalog Published Information

Total Credits Required: Total credits: 18-19

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:
ESCI

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Program CIP Code

Admission Requirements:

Program-Specific Policies:

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor, and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. 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.

Core Courses

GEOL 101 & GEOL 103	Physical Geology(Mason Core) and Physical Geology Lab(Mason Core)	4
GEOL 309 or BIOL 309	Oceanography Oceanography	3
Select one of the following options:		3-4
Option One:		
CLIM 111	Introduction to the Fundamentals of Atmospheric Science(Mason Core)	
CLIM 112	Introduction to the Fundamentals of Atmospheric Science Lab(Mason Core)	
Option Two:		
GGS 309	Introduction to Weather and Climate	
Total Credits		10-11

Electives

Select 8 credits of GEOL electives	8
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

Courses offered via
Indicate whether

What is the
primary delivery
format for the
program?

Additional SCH

Is the content of the
institution within
In this case, minimum
and maximum
In this case, minimum
and maximum
In this case, minimum
and maximum
Percentage of total
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Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Prog

Is this a Green Leaf program?

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Additional Attachments

Executive Summary

Reviewer Comments

Additional Comments

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

No

Attached Document

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