

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Geology & Geological Oceanography, B.S.

Option: Geology
 120 Earned Credits Total
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Student: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Advisor: _____

Effective Fall 2025

ABOUT THE GEOLOGY OPTION:

A student's GPA for the major is computed based upon all GEO courses taken by the student. The minimum major GPA to graduate is 2.0. Students may also combine supporting and free electives to pursue a minor field of study.

Step 1: REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

I. Intro to URI & Professional Courses:(11 Credits)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
URI 101		1	
*GEO 103		4	
*EEC 105		3	
*NRS 100		3	

II. Core Geo Courses (24 Credits)			
Course	Semester	Credit	Grade
*GEO 204		4	
*GEO 210		4	
*GEO 305G		4	
*GEO 320		4	
GEO 370		4	
GEO 450		4	

III. Geology Option (10-12 Credits 200 Levels)			
Course	Semester	Credit	Grade
GEO 483		4	

IV. Supporting Electives (20 Credits)			
200-level or above chosen from GEO, EEC, NRS, or OCG. NOTE: 3 credits of supporting electives may be satisfied by a 100-level course in GEO or OCG.			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

Transfer out of UCAS: Must have completed at least 30 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0, and achieved a minimum of: B- in GEO 103; C in CHM 101; and C+ in MTH 103/111 or a C in MTH 131 or 141.

V. Supporting Sciences (21 Credits)			
Students considering graduate school are encouraged to take 2 semesters of each supporting science.			
Biology Requirements			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
*BIO 101		3	
*BIO 103		1	
Chemistry Requirements			
Course	Semester	Credit	Grade
*CHM 101		3	
CHM 102		1	
Math Requirements			
Course	Semester	Credit	Grade
*MTH 131 OR 141			
STA 308 OR 409			
Physics Requirements			
Course	Semester	Credit	Grade
*PHY 111 OR 203		3	
*PHY 185 OR 273		1	
Science (2nd Semester) Requirement 3- 4 credits			
Choose from: *BIO 102/104, CHM 112/114, CHM 124/126, *MTH 132, *MTH 142, *PHY 112/186, *PHY 204/274.			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

VI. Free Electives: (additional courses to reach 120)			
Course	Semester	Credits	Grade

Note: Courses marked with a * can be used to satisfy major and general education requirements. Minimum 2.0 GPA required in major for graduation. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA required for graduation.

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Sample 4 Year Plan - Effective Fall 2025
College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Freshman Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
URI 101	Planning for Academic Success	1	
*GEO 103	Understanding Earth	4	
*NRS 100	Natural Resource Conservation	3	
*EEC 105	Introduction to Resource Economics	3	
*MTH	Applied Pre-Calculus (or MTH 111 Pre-Calculus)	3	
	Gen. Ed or Free elective (optional)	3	
		14-17	

Freshman Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
GEO 210	Landforms, Origin & Evolution	4	
CHM 101,102	General Chemistry 1, Lab	4	
*MTH 131	Applied Calculus (or MTH 141 Calculus I)	3-4	
	Supporting Elective or 2nd Semester Science	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
		17-20	

Year 1 Milestones: Earn 30 credits and a gpa of 2.0 or higher. Meet with your Advisor for GEO option discussion.

Sophomore Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
*GEO 204	Problem Solving in Earth History	4	
*PHY 111/185	General Physics 1, Lab	4	
	Supporting Elective or 2nd Semester Science	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
		14-16	

Sophomore Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
*GEO 320	Earth Materials	4	
*BIO 101, 103	Biology 1, Lab	4	
	Supporting Elective	4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
		15-16	

Year 2 Milestones: Earn 60 credits and a gpa of 2.0 or higher. Meet with your Advisor to discuss major, internships and research opportunities.

Junior Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
GEO 370	Earth Structure	4	
STA 308	Statistics (or STA 409)	3-4	
	2nd Sem. Science / Supporting Elective	4	
	Supporting Elective	3-4	
		14-16	

Junior Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
*GEO 305G	Global Climate Change	4	
GEO XXX	Geology Option Elective	3-4	
	Supporting Elective	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
		13-16	

Year 3 Milestones: Earn 90 credits and a gpa of 2.0 or higher. Meet with your Advisor to prepare intent to graduate application for fall submission.

Senior Year Fall Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
GEO 483	Hydrogeology	4	
GEO XXX	Geology Option Elective	3-4	
	Supporting Elective	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
		16-20	

Senior Year Spring Semester

Course Code	Description	Cr	
GEO 450	Sedimentary Geology	4	
	Supporting Elective	3-4	
	Supporting Elective	3-4	
	*General Education Course	3-4	
	Free elective (if needed)	3-4	
		16-20	

Year 4 Milestones: Earn 120 credits and a gpa of 2.0 or higher in CUM and CON. Complete all remaining required courses.

Total Credits to Graduate = 120

Number of required gen ed courses will vary based on outcomes satisfied by each course. Students may take additional supporting electives or free electives to reach 120 credits.

- * General Education Course
- + Take MTH 103 with MTH 131
- + Take MTH 111 with MTH 141