



**Geology - BA**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**  
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**2023-2024 Transfer Course Sheet**  
**Minimum GPA | 2.5**  
**Minimum Transferable Hours | 24**  
**Second-Choice Major Eligible | YES**

#### Required Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Business Math I	3	MATH 1324	MATH 140
Chemistry I	4	CHEM 1411 (1311/1111)	CHEM 119
Physical Geology	4	GEOL 1403	GEOL 101/102

#### Recommended Coursework for Admission

Course Name	Hrs.	TCCNS	TAMU
Historical Geology	4	GEOL 1404	GEOL 106
Business Math II	3	MATH 1325	MATH 142
Chemistry II	4	CHEM 1412 (1312/1112)	CHEM 120
College Physics I	4	PHYS 1401 (1301/1101)	PHYS 201
College Physics II	4	PHYS 1402 (1302/1102)	PHYS 202

- Math courses listed should be completed with a grade of C or better.
- Must have a C average grade in the science course sequence attempted from the above list.
- Competitive applicants will have a B or better in the courses listed above.
- Students may have to complete College Algebra (MATH 1314) at their institution before taking MATH 1324 or 1325.
- College Algebra is a transferable course but **will not** satisfy the Mathematics requirements in this degree plan.

The recommendations below represent what a typical TAMU student's schedule looks like during the first four semesters. If working to complete an Associate's Degree before transferring, please align your degree plan to satisfy TAMU degree requirements. You may not have to complete the coursework in the sequence below but this major requires and recommends specific coursework to be completed.

#### First Year

##### FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
GEOL 1403	GEOL 101/102	Physical Geology	4
CHEM 1411 (1311/1111)	CHEM 119	Chemistry I	4
MATH 1324	MATH 141	Business Math I	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Communication	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>

##### SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
GEOL 1404	GEOL 106	Historical Geology	4
CHEM 1412 (1312/1112)	CHEM 120	Chemistry II	4
MATH 1325	MATH 142	Business Math II	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Communication	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>

#### Second Year

##### FALL SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	American History	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 206	American National Government	3
PHYS 1401	PHYS 201	College Physics	4
GEOG 1302	GEOG 201	Intro to Human Geography	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

##### SPRING SEMESTER

TCCNS	TAMU	Course Name	Hrs.
GOVT 2306	POLS 207	State & Local Government	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	American History	3
	<a href="http://core.tamu.edu">core.tamu.edu</a>	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
PHYS 1402	PHYS 202	College Physics II	4
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

Consider taking courses that fulfill the 6 hours of [International and Cultural Diversity requirement](#) when completing the Social and Behavioral Sciences, free electives and Creative Arts requirements.



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#### Coursework Timeline

- Competitive applicants will have the Required and Recommended coursework completed by the application deadline.
- Applicants to the summer/fall term **may be** asked to submit spring final grades, this is not a guarantee.
- Summer coursework **will not** be considered for summer/fall applicants.
- Fall coursework **will not** be considered for spring applicants.
- Applicants to the spring term should have the Recommended and Required coursework completed by the end of Summer II semester before applying.

#### Additional Transfer Requirements

- The Department of Geology & Geophysics is looking for students who are interested in pursuing our degree as a focus. Students should indicate our department as the primary major they are interested in if they wish to be admitted. The essay and supporting materials should reflect that the student is interested in pursuing our degree.
- Meeting minimum requirements **DOES NOT** guarantee admission. The entire record is reviewed for consistency in coursework and grades.

#### Additional Information

- Applicants should be serious about earning a degree in Geology.
- Transfer applicants are instructed **NOT** to accept transfer admission to any major with the expectation of later applying for an on-campus change of major.

#### Career & Educational Opportunities

The undergraduate curriculum in geology emphasizes the development of sound scientific skills, including the ability to think, observe, analyze, classify, describe, and interpret data, and the application of these skills to the study of rocks, minerals, fossils, structures, landforms, and other geologic phenomena. The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) program offers more flexibility than the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program in terms of allowing a program of study which combines geology with subject areas such as geophysics, history, journalism, political science, mathematics, biology, business, computer science, education, and more. However, the B.S. program is considered the preparatory degree in the field of geology and includes advanced study in petroleum geology, environmental geology, engineering geology, hydrogeology, and others.

The **Environmental Geology** track is designed to provide a strong foundation in geology coupled with specialized training in work on some of society's most pressing problems, including groundwater contamination and remediation, non-point-source pollution, water resources, and geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, flooding, volcanism and surface deformation. Students completing the Environmental track of the BS in Geology are prepared to go on to graduate school for an advanced geoscience degree, or for employment in the environmental industry. Environmental geoscientists typically find careers with environmental and engineering consulting companies and other industrial corporations, governmental agencies or academia. Students are well-prepared for the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Fundamentals of Geology exam, which is required for appointment as a Professional Geologist in the State of Texas.

The **Petroleum Geology** track provides students with the technical preparation for eventual employment in the field of petroleum exploration and extraction. The petroleum geology track is intended to prepare students for graduate study, as well as provide training for those who may be interested in service jobs in the oil and gas industry between their undergraduate and graduate education. For more information please visit [careercenter.tamu.edu](http://careercenter.tamu.edu).

#### Transfer Course Sheet Notes

1. Admission preference is given to applicants with the highest GPA and the most appropriate courses completed.
2. Transfer applicants are encouraged to complete [University Core Curriculum](#) coursework found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) unless specified above.
3. This Transfer Course Sheet was supported in a partnership between the Office of Admissions and the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M University with the Undergraduate Catalog having the most extant and definitive information.