



2010 – 2011 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Physical Sciences

Concentration: Geology

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About This Major . . .

The Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Geology is designed for students who (1) desire a strong liberal arts education with emphasis on the earth sciences, (2) wish to pursue a graduate degree in geology, or (3) desire a professional or technical geoscience career. The degree program in Geology is robust. Recent graduates are attending graduate programs at major universities or have entered the work force as geological technicians or professional geologists. Instruction takes place in a state-of-the-art science complex, which houses several instructional laboratories, a projects room, computer-applications laboratory, class preparation room, petrology-mineralogy laboratory, rock-storage facilities, and a sample preparation room. Most classes have a strong field component so that students can enjoy the diverse geological setting of the Grand Junction area. The program is supported by five tenure-track faculty members and four instructors. Equipment available includes research petrographic microscopes, binocular microscopes, a computer-assisted x-ray diffractometer, several scanning-electron microscopes (available through the Biology Department), GPS units, short-period and long-period seismometers, and a magnetometer. Computer facilities include modern PC systems with software basics for communications, database management, word-processing, geographical information systems (GIS), and geostatistics.

POLICIES:

1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see the MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office **by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.**
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the **semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.**
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (exit exam).

NAME: _____ **STUDENT ID #** _____

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____

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I, (Signature) _____, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor

Date

Signature of Department Head

Date

Signature of Registrar

Date

Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration.

Degree Requirements:

- 120 semester hours total (A minimum of 28 taken at MSC in no fewer than two semesters).
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken at the 300-400 course levels within the major at MSC).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- A "C" or higher is required in all major and foundation courses.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- A student must follow the MSC graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student's faculty advisor and Department Head.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (31 semester hours)

See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

Course	No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
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English (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

ENGL 111	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 112	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____

Math: (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

MATH 151	Calculus I	5*	_____	_____	_____
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*3 credits apply to the General Ed requirements and 2 credits apply to Foundation Courses

Humanities (3 semester hours)

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Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

Natural Sciences (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

BIOL 102/102L **or** BIOL 105/105L **or** PHYS 112/112L **or** PHYS 132/132L **or** CHEM 132/132L

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History (3 semester hours)

HIST	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fine Arts (3 semester hours)

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OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (6 semester hours)

Kinesiology (3 semester hours)

KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____

Applied Studies (3 semester hours)

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FOUNDATION COURSES (15 semester hours)

CHEM 131	General Chemistry	4	_____	_____	_____
CHEM 131L	General Chemistry Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
PHYS 111/111L or PHYS 131/131L					
PHYS	_____	4	_____	_____	_____
PHYS	_____L	1	_____	_____	_____
STAT 200	Probability and Statistics	3	_____	_____	_____
*MATH 151	Calculus I	2	_____	_____	_____

PHYSICAL SCIENCES MAJOR – GEOLOGY

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

(56 semester hours) A "C" or higher is required in all major courses.

Geology Core Courses (39 semester hours)

GEOL 111/111L **or** GEOL 113/113L *

*GEOL	_____	3	_____	_____	_____
*GEOL	_____L	1	_____	_____	_____

* Either GEOL 111/111L or GEOL 113/113L may be taken for credit, but not both.

GEOL 112	Principles of Historical Geology	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 112L	Principles of Historical Geology Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 202	Introduction to Field Studies	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 204	Computer Applications in Geology	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 301	Structural Geology	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 301L	Structural Geology Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 331	Crystallography & Mineralogy	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 331L	Crystallography & Mineralogy Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 402	Applications of Geomorphology	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 402L	Applications of Geomorphology Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 444	Stratigraphy and Sedimentation	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 444L	Stratigraphy and Sedimentation Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 480	Summer Field Camp	6	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 490	Seminar	3	_____	_____	_____

Required Geology Courses (8 semester hours)

GEOL 340	Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 340L	Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology Lab	1	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 404	Geophysics	3	_____	_____	_____
GEOL 404L	Geophysics Lab	1	_____	_____	_____

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Restricted Electives (9 semester hours) chosen from list below.

NOTE: Seven hours of Restricted and General Electives must be upper division.

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ELECTIVES (All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, **not listed above** that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. 12 semester hours.)

NOTE: Seven hours of Restricted and General Electives must be upper division.

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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES:

GEOL 250 Environmental Geology (3)
 GEOL 325 Intro to Engineering Geology (3)
 GEOL 355 Basic Hydrology (3)
 GEOL 359 Surv of Energy-Related Nat Resources (3)
 GEOL 361 Surv of Mineral-Related Nat Resources (3)
 GEOL 394 Natural Resources of the West (1)
 GEOL 411 Paleontology (3)
 Geol 411L Paleontology Lab (1)
 GEOL 415 Introduction to Ground Water (3)
 GEOL 415L Intro to Ground Water Lab (1)
 GEOL 455 River Dynamics (3)
 GEOL 455L River Dynamics Lab (1)
 GEOL 497 Structured Research (1-3)
 ENVS 312 Soil Science and Sustainability (3)
 ENVS 312L Soil Science and Sust Lab (1)
 CHEM 132 General Chemistry (4)
 CHEM 132L General Chemistry Lab (1)
 MATH 152 Calculus II (5)
 STAT 311 Statistical Methods (3)
 **PHYS 112 General Physics (4)
and PHYS 112L General Physics Lab (1)
or **PHYS 132 Electromag and Optics (4)
and PHYS 132L Electromag and Optics Lab(1)

**Either PHYS 112/112L or PHYS 132/132L may be taken for credit, but not both.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A MAJOR IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE – GEOLOGY

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
GEOL 111* Principles of Physical Geology and	3	GEOL 112 Principles of Historical Geology	3
GEOL 111L* Principles of Physical Geology Lab OR	1	GEOL 112L Principles of Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 113* Fld. Based Intro to Phys Geology and	3	ENGL 112 English Composition	3
GEOL 113L* Fld. Based Intro to Phys Geology Lab	1	General Education Humanities	3
ENGL 111 English Composition	3	General Education Social/Behavioral Science	3
MATH 151 Calculus I	5	KINA Activity	1
General Education History	<u>3</u>	KINE Health and Wellness	<u>1</u>
	15		15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
GEOL 202 Intro to Field Studies	3	GEOL 204 Computer Applications in Geology	3
CHEM 131 General Chemistry	4	STAT 200 Probability and Statistics	3
CHEM 131L General Chemistry Lab	1	General Education Natural Science	3
PHYS 111** General Physics and	4	General Education Natural Science with Lab	4
PHYS 111L** General Physics Lab OR	1	General Education Fine Arts	<u>3</u>
PHYS 131** Fundamental Mechanics and	4		16
PHYS 131L** Fundamental Mechanics Lab	1		
General Education Social/Behavioral Science	<u>3</u>		
	16		

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
GEOL 301 Structural Geology	3	GEOL 340 Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology	3
GEOL 301L Structural Geology Lab	1	GEOL 340L Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology Lab	1
GEOL 331 Crystallography & Mineralogy	3	Electives	<u>9</u>
GEOL 331L Crystallography & Mineralogy Lab	1		13
General Education Applied Studies	3		
Electives	<u>3</u>		
	14		

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
GEOL 402 Applications of Geomorphology	3	GEOL 404 Geophysics	3
GEOL 402L Applications of Geomorphology	1	GEOL 404L Geophysics Lab	1
Restricted Electives	<u>9</u>	GEOL 444 Stratigraphy & Sedimentation	3
	13	GEOL 444L Stratigraphy & Sedimentation Lab	1
		GEOL 490 Seminar	3
		KINA Activity	<u>1</u>
			12
		Summer Semester	Hours
		GEOL 480 Summer Field Camp	6

* Either GEOL 111/111L or GEOL 113/113L may be taken for credit, but not both.

**Either PHYS 111/111L or PHYS 131/131L may be taken for credit, but not both.