Atmospheric Science

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
The Atmospheric Science major explores the fundamental natural processes controlling atmospheric composition, circulation dynamics, and climate. Understanding how these processes have changed in the past and may change in the future are among the greatest intellectual and technological challenges of our time. Topics covered will include the physics of climate variability and climate change, changes in stratospheric ozone, coupling of atmospheric chemistry and climate, changes in the oxidation capacity of the troposphere, smog, and the impacts of atmosphere-biosphere exchange on atmospheric composition.

Declaring the Major
The department strongly encourages students to see the student services adviser as early as possible. Students are accepted into the major with a C average or better. There are a number of scholarships and research opportunities as well as other benefits available to declared majors.

Honors Program
Students in the honors program must fulfill the following additional requirements:

1. Maintain a GPA of at least 3.3 in all courses in the major, and an overall GPA of at least 3.3 in the University.
2. Carry out an individual research or study project, involving at least three units of EPS H195. The project is chosen in consultation with a departmental adviser, and written report is judged by the student's research supervisor and a departmental adviser. Application for the honors program should be made through the student's adviser no later than the end of the student's junior year.

Minor Program
For information regarding the requirements, please see the Minor Requirements tab. Program planning and confirmation should be done with the undergraduate student services adviser and the Atmospheric Science faculty adviser.

Other Majors and Minors Offered by the Department of Earth and Planetary Science

Environmental Earth Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/environmental-earth-science) (Major and Minor)
Geology (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/geology) (Major and Minor)
Geophysics (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/geophysics) (Major and Minor)
Marine Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/marine-science) (Major and Minor)
Planetary Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/planetary-science) (Major and Minor)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines
1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a Pass/Fail basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

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Choose one of the following physics sequences:

- PHYSICS 5A | Introductory Mechanics and Relativity & PHYSICS 5Band Introductory Electromagnetism, Waves, and & PHYSICS SCOptics and Introductory Thermodynamics and Quantum Mechanics
- PHYSICS 7A | Physics for Scientists and Engineers & PHYSICS 7Band Physics for Scientists and Engineers & PHYSICS 7Cand Physics for Scientists and Engineers

Upper Division Requirements

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Electives, select a minimum of 9 units from the following list of suggested courses:

- EPS 103 | Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry
- EPS 104 | Mathematical Methods in Geophysics
- EPS 109 | Computer Simulations in Earth and Planetary Sciences
- EPS 115 | Stratigraphy and Earth History
- EPS 117 | Geomorphology
- EPS 125 | Stable Isotope Geochemistry
- EPS C129 | Biometeorology
- EPS 131 | Geochemistry
- EPS C183 | Carbon Cycle Dynamics
- EPS 230 | Radiation and Its Interactions with Climate
- CHEM 105 | Instrumental Methods in Analytical Chemistry
- CHEM 120A | Physical Chemistry & CHEM 120B and Physical Chemistry
General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student’s major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College of Letters & Science tab.)

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Upper Division

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1 All elective courses used to fulfill the major requirements must be approved by the faculty adviser. This list is intended as a guide; the suggested courses are not limited to only courses included in this list.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but are not noted on diplomas.

American History and American Institutions

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete a first-level reading
and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

**Breadth Requirements**

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

**Unit Requirements**

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

**Residence Requirements**

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

**Senior Residence Requirement**

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

**Modified Senior Residence Requirement**

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

**Upper Division Residence Requirement**

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

**Mission**

The goal of the Earth and Planetary Science (EPS) BA degree is to provide students with a broad and sound education, that provides general and specialized knowledge and is intellectually challenging and stimulating. Upon completion of the degree students are ready to enter graduate school at top-ranking institutions (about half of them choose this path), find employment in the profession (geological and environmental engineering and consulting are major opportunities), continue in public education as teachers, or use their background as a sound basis for a new career such as in public policy, law, or medical sciences.

**Learning Goals for the Major**

EPS majors acquire knowledge through course work, laboratory training (expertise in experimental techniques), primary field research, library research, and computer applications, with oral presentations and written reports required in many of our classes.

The undergraduate program provides strong technical training for those who wish to pursue professional careers in the earth, environmental and planetary sciences, as well as training in analytical, creative and critical thinking and communication that serves well those who choose paths in new fields.

The Atmospheric Science track provides students with a strong foundation in the physical sciences as well as an outstanding introduction to atmospheric dynamics and evolution, atmospheric chemistry and biogeochemistry. Students gain a rigorous, quantitative, and predictive (in addition to descriptive) knowledge of the earth system with an emphasis on atmospheric processes.

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**EPS Undergraduate Advising Calendar and Appointments**

To make an appointment and view the advising calendar, please visit the Contact Undergraduate Adviser website (http://eps.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/contact-undergraduate-advisor).
Atmospheric Science
EPS 3 The Water Planet 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Spring 2016
An overview of the processes that control water supply to natural ecosystems and human civilization. Hydrologic cycle, floods, droughts, groundwater. Patterns of water use, threats to water quality, effects of global climate change on future water supplies. Water issues facing California.
The Water Planet: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
The Water Planet: Read Less [-]

EPS 7 Introduction to Climate Change 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017
This course covers the physical processes that determine Earth's past, present, and future climate, with a particular focus on the essentially irreversible climate change (a.k.a., global warming) caused by the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas. Topics will also include the estimation of future warming and impacts, the Earth resources that can be used to combat climate change, and the policies being used to shift towards the use of those resources.
Introduction to Climate Change: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: David Romps
Introduction to Climate Change: Read Less [-]
**EPS 20 Earthquakes in Your Backyard 3 Units**

Terms offered: Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

Introduction to earthquakes, their causes and effects. General discussion of basic principles and methods of seismology and geological tectonics, distribution of earthquakes in space and time, effects of earthquakes, and earthquake hazard and risk, with particular emphasis on the situation in California.

Earthquakes in Your Backyard: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week  
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Geophysics 20

Earthquakes in Your Backyard: Read Less [-]

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**EPS C20 Earthquakes in Your Backyard 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Introduction to earthquakes, their causes and effects. General discussion of basic principles and methods of seismology and geological tectonics, distribution of earthquakes in space and time, effects of earthquakes, and earthquake hazard and risk, with particular emphasis on the situation in California.

Earthquakes in Your Backyard: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 24

Earthquakes in Your Backyard: Read Less [-]

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**EPS 24 Freshman Seminar in Earth and Planetary Sciences 1 Unit**

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

The freshman seminar in earth and planetary science is designed to provide new students with an opportunity to explore a topic in geology or earth sciences with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Topics will vary from semester to semester but will include such possible topics as great voyages of geologic discovery and the role of atmospheric sciences in geologic study.

Freshman Seminar in Earth and Planetary Sciences: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Geophysics 20

Freshman Seminar in Earth and Planetary Sciences: Read Less [-]

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**EPS 39A Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units**


Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Priority given to freshmen and sophomores

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week  
Summer: 6 weeks - 5-10 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 39

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]
**EPS 50 The Planet Earth 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
An introduction to the physical and chemical processes that have shaped the earth through time, with emphasis on the theory of plate tectonics. Laboratory work will involve the practical study of minerals, rocks, and geologic maps and exercises on geological processes.
The Planet Earth: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 7.5 hours of laboratory per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 50

The Planet Earth: Read Less [-]

**EPS 80 Environmental Earth Sciences 3 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2016
This course focuses on the processes on and in the earth that shape the environment. Humanity's use of land and oceans is examined based on an understanding of these processes.
Environmental Earth Sciences: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for 80 after taking Integrative Biology 80 or Paleontology 15.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

Environmental Earth Sciences: Read Less [-]

**EPS C82 Oceans 3 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
This course offers multidisciplinary approach to begin answering the question "Why are oceans important to us?" Upon a physical, chemical, and geologic base, we introduce the alien world of sea life, the importance of the ocean to the global carbon cycle, and the principles of ecology with a focus on the important concept of energy flow through food webs. Lectures expand beyond science to include current topics as diverse as music, movies, mythology, biomechanics, policy, and trade.
Oceans: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for Earth and Planetary Science C82/Geography C82/Integrative Biology C82 after completing Integrative Biology 82 or Earth and Planetary Science N82.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**
- 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
- 8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** GEOG C82/INTEGBI C82

Oceans: Read Less [-]

**EPS N82 Introduction to Oceans 3 Units**
Terms offered: Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
The geology, physics, chemistry, and biology of the world oceans. The application of oceanographic sciences to human problems will be explored through special topics such as energy from the sea, marine pollution, food from the sea, and climate change.
Introduction to Oceans: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for Earth and Planetary Science N82 after taking Earth and Planetary Science/Integrative Biology/Geography C82.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:**
- 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week
- 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Introduction to Oceans: Read Less [-]
EPS 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012
Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.
Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 2-5.5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.
Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

EPS 100A Minerals: Their Constitution and Origin 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Introduction to structural, compositional, and physical properties of minerals, their analogs and related substances, their genesis in various geological and synthetic processes, and laboratory techniques to identify and investigate minerals. One field trip to selected mineral deposits and visits to laboratories.
Minerals: Their Constitution and Origin: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Some background in chemistry and physics
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 6 hours of laboratory per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: Geology 100A
Minerals: Their Constitution and Origin: Read Less [-]

EPS 100B Genesis and Interpretation of Rocks 4 Units
Introduction to the principal geologic environments where rocks are formed and displayed. Igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic processes discussed in the context of global tectonics.
Genesis and Interpretation of Rocks: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100A
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: Geology 100B
Genesis and Interpretation of Rocks: Read Less [-]

EPS 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units
Group studies of selected topics which vary from semester to semester.
Directed Group Study: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Formerly known as: Geology and Geophysics 98
Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]
EPS C100 Communicating Ocean Science 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
For undergraduates interested in improving their ability to communicate their scientific knowledge by teaching ocean science in elementary schools or science centers/aquariums. The course will combine instruction in inquiry-based teaching methods and learning pedagogy with six weeks of supervised teaching experience in a local school classroom or the Lawrence Hall of Science with a partner. Thus, students will practice communicating scientific knowledge and receive mentoring on how to improve their presentations.

Communicating Ocean Science: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One course in introductory biology, geology, chemistry, physics, or marine science required and interest in ocean science; junior, senior, or graduate standing; consent of instructor required for sophomores

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2.5 hours of lecture, 1 hour of discussion, and 2 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Ingram
Also listed as: GEOG C146/INTEGBI C100

Communicating Ocean Science: Read Less [-]
EPS 103 Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2015
Introduction to marine geochemistry: the global water cycle; processes governing the distribution of chemical species within the hydrosphere; ocean circulation; chemical mass balances, fluxes, and reactions in the marine environment from global to submicron scales; carbon system equilibrium chemistry and biogeochemistry of fresh and salt water; applications of natural and anthropogenic stable and radioactive tracers; internal ocean processes.
Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Chemistry 1A, Mathematics 1A or 16A. C82 recommended

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Bishop
Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry: Read Less [-]

EPS 104 Mathematical Methods in Geophysics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013
Linear systems. Linear inverse problems, least squares; generalized inverse, resolution; Fourier series, integral transforms; time series analysis, spherical harmonics; partial differential equations of geophysics; functions of a complex variable; probability and significance tests, maximum likelihood methods. Intended for students in geophysics and other physical sciences.
Mathematical Methods in Geophysics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Mathematics 53-54

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

EPS 108 Geodynamics 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Basic principles in studying the physical properties of earth materials and the dynamic processes of the earth. Examples are drawn from tectonics, mechanics of earthquakes, etc., to augment course material.
Geodynamics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 60, Physics 7A, or Mathematics 53, 54

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Geophysics 108
Geodynamics: Read Less [-]

EPS 109 Computer Simulations in Earth and Planetary Sciences 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Introduction to modern computer simulation methods and their application to selected Earth and Planetary Science problems. In hands-on computer labs, students will learn about numerical algorithms, learn to program and modify provided programs, and display the solution graphically. This is an introductory course and no programming experience is required. Examples include fractals in geophysics, properties of materials at high pressure, celestial mechanics, and diffusion processes in the Earth. Topics range from ordinary and partial differential equations to molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations.
Computer Simulations in Earth and Planetary Sciences: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Math 1A or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Computer Simulations in Earth and Planetary Sciences: Read Less [-]
EPS 111 Petroleum Geology 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2012
Petroleum Geology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Introductory course in geology

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: Geology 111
Petroleum Geology: Read Less [-]

EPS 115 Stratigraphy and Earth History 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
Collecting, analyzing, and presenting stratigraphic data; dating and correlating sedimentary rocks; recognizing ancient environments and reconstructing Earth history; seismic and sequence stratigraphy; event stratigraphy and neocatastrophism; applications of stratigraphy to climate change, petroleum geology, and archaeology.
Stratigraphy and Earth History: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 50, 100A, 100B, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Alvarez
Formerly known as: Geology 115
Stratigraphy and Earth History: Read Less [-]

EPS 116 Structural Geology and Tectonics 3 Units
Introduction to the geometry and mechanics of brittle and ductile geologic structures; their origins and genetic relation to stress fields and their use as kinematic indicators; case histories of selected regions to elucidate tectonic evolution in different plate tectonic settings. Laboratory exercises will focus on analysis of hand specimens and structural relations portrayed on geologic maps. Several trips to observe geologic structures in the field to supplement laboratory exercises.
Structural Geology and Tectonics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 50

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructor: Burgmann
Structural Geology and Tectonics: Read Less [-]

EPS 117 Geomorphology 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Quantitative examination of landforms, runoff generation, weathering, mechanics of soil erosion by water and wind, mass wasting, glacial and periglacial processes and hillslope evolution.
Geomorphology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: Geology 117
Geomorphology: Read Less [-]
**EPS 118 Advanced Field Course 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
Advanced geological mapping, intensive field observation, and problem solving in the field areas selected by instructors. Includes preparation of final reports.
Advanced Field Course: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 50, 100A-100B, 101, or consent of instructor; 119 is strongly recommended

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**Instructor:** Brimhall

Formerly known as: Geology 118

Advanced Field Course: Read Less [-]

**EPS 119 Geologic Field Studies 2 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015
Two to four weekend field trips to localities of geological interest.
Geologic Field Studies: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101 and consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Geology 119

Geologic Field Studies: Read Less [-]

**EPS 122 Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors 3 Units**
Gravity field, density distribution, and internal seismic structure of the Earth and planets. Constitution, composition, temperature distribution, and energetics of the Earth's interior. The geomagnetic field and the geodynamo, and concepts in seismic imaging and geophysical fluid dynamics. This course welcomes physics, computer science, engineering and applied maths majors.

Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Physics 7A-B, Mathematics 53-54, or equivalent

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors: Read Less [-]

**EPS 124 Isotopic Geochemistry 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2013
An overview of the use of natural isotopic variations to study earth, planetary, and environmental problems. Topics include geochronology, cosmogenic isotope studies of surficial processes, radiocarbon and the carbon cycle, water isotopes in the water cycle, and radiogenic and stable isotope studies of planetary evolution, mantle dynamics, volcanoes, groundwater, and geothermal systems. The course begins with a short introduction to nuclear processes and includes simple mathematical models used in isotope geochemistry.

Isotopic Geochemistry: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Chemistry 1A-1B, Mathematics 1A-1B

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** David Shuster

Isotopic Geochemistry: Read Less [-]
**EPS 125 Stable Isotope Geochemistry 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2018

This course provides an introduction to the principles of stable isotope geochemistry and the application of these principles to problems in Earth and planetary science. This course provides a foundation for the physical, chemical, and biological processes that cause isotopes to fractionate in nature including the kinetic theory of gases, equilibrium thermodynamics, and the kinetics of chemical reactions. These principles will be applied to the study of problems related to the water cycle, paleoclimate, igneous petrology, biogeochemical cycles in the past and present, and planetary science.

Stable Isotope Geochemistry: Read More [+]  
**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Stolper

Stable Isotope Geochemistry: Read Less [-]

**EPS C129 Biometeorology 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2012

This course describes how the physical environment (light, wind, temperature, humidity) of plants and soil affects the physiological status of plants and how plants affect their physical environment. Using experimental data and theory, it examines physical, biological, and chemical processes affecting transfer of momentum, energy, and material (water, CO2, atmospheric trace gases) between vegetation and the atmosphere. Plant biometeorology instrumentation and measurements are also discussed.

Biometeorology: Read More [+]  
**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Baldocchi

Also listed as: ESPM C129  
Biometeorology: Read Less [-]

**EPS 130 Strong Motion Seismology 3 Units**


Strong Motion Seismology: Read More [+]  
**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Mathematics 54, or equivalent and consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Geophysics 130

Strong Motion Seismology: Read Less [-]

**EPS 131 Geochemistry 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014


Geochemistry: Read More [+]  
**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: 100A-100B, Chemistry 1A-1B

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: David Shuster

Geochemistry: Read Less [-]
EPS C146 Geological Oceanography 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2011, Spring 2010, Spring 2008
The tectonics and morphology of the sea floor, the geologic processes in the deep and shelf seas, and the climatic record contained in deep-sea sediments. The course will cover sources and composition of marine sediments, sea-level change, ocean circulation, paleoenvironmental reconstruction using fossils, imprint of climatic zonation on marine sediments, marine stratigraphy, and ocean floor resources.
Geological Oceanography: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Ingram
Formerly known as: Geology C145
Also listed as: GEOG C145

EPS C142 Planetary Astrophysics 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Physics of planetary systems, both solar and extra-solar. Star and planet formation, radioactive dating, small-body dynamics and interaction of radiation with matter, tides, planetary interiors, atmospheres, and magnetospheres. High-quality oral presentations may be required in addition to problem sets and a final exam.
Planetary Astrophysics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Mathematics 53, 54; Physics 7A-7B-7C

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Instructors: Chiang, de Pater, Marcy
Also listed as: ASTRON C162

EPS C150 Case Studies in Earth Systems 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Analysis and discussion of three research problems on the interactions of solid earth, hydrologic, chemical, and atmospheric processes. Emphasis is on the synthesis and application of the student's disciplinary knowledge to a new integrative problem in the earth sciences.
Case Studies in Earth Systems: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 50, senior standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Rector
Also listed as: CIV ENG C178

EPS C178 Applied Geophysics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
The theory and practice of geophysical methods for determining the subsurface distribution of physical rock and soil properties. Measurements of gravity and magnetic fields, electrical and electromagnetic fields, and seismic velocity are interpreted to map the subsurface distribution of density, magnetic susceptibility, electrical conductivity, and mechanical properties.
Applied Geophysics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Rector
Also listed as: CIV ENG C178

Applied Geophysics: Read Less [-]
**EPS C180 Air Pollution 3 Units**


This course is an introduction to air pollution and the chemistry of earth's atmosphere. We will focus on the fundamental natural processes controlling trace gas and aerosol concentrations in the atmosphere, and how anthropogenic activity has affected those processes at the local, regional, and global scales. Specific topics include stratospheric ozone depletion, increasing concentrations of green house gasses, smog, and changes in the oxidation capacity of the troposphere.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Chemistry 1A-1B, Physics 8A or consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Goldstein

**Also listed as:** CIV ENG C106/ESPM C180

Air Pollution: Read Less [-]

**EPS C181 Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

This course examines the processes that determine the structure and circulation of the Earth's atmosphere. The approach is deductive rather than descriptive: to figure out the properties and behavior of the Earth's atmosphere based on the laws of physics and fluid dynamics. Topics will include interaction between radiation and atmospheric composition; the role of water in the energy and radiation balance; governing equations for atmospheric motion, mass conservation, and thermodynamic energy balance; geostrophic flow, quasigeostrophic motion, baroclinic instability and dynamics of extratropical cyclones.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Mathematics 53, 54; Physics 7A-7B-7C

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of laboratory per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructors:** Chiang, Fung

**Also listed as:** GEOG C139

Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics: Read Less [-]

**EPS C182 Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Laboratory 3 Units**


Fluid dynamics, radiative transfer, and the kinetics, spectroscopy, and measurement of atmospherically relevant species are explored through laboratory experiments, numerical simulations, and field observations.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Earth and Planetary Science 50 and 102 with grades of C- or higher (one of which may be taken concurrently) or two of the following: Chemistry 120A, 120B, C130, or 130B with grades of C- or higher (one of which may be taken concurrently)

**Credit Restrictions:** Deficiency in C182 may be removed by successfully completing 125. Consent of instructor is required to enroll in C182 after completing 125.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of laboratory per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Fung

**Also listed as:** CHEM C182

Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Laboratory: Read Less [-]

**EPS C183 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

The focus is the (unsolved) puzzle of the contemporary carbon cycle. Why is the concentration of atmospheric CO2 changing at the rate observed? What are the terrestrial and oceanic processes that add and remove carbon from the atmosphere? What are the carbon management strategies under discussion? How can emission protocols be verified? Students are encouraged to gain hands-on experience with the available data, and learn modeling skills to evaluate hypotheses of carbon sources and sinks.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:**

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**Instructor:** Fung

**Also listed as:** ESPM C170

Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read Less [-]
**EPS H195 Senior Honors Course 3 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Original research and preparation of an acceptable thesis. May be taken during two consecutive semesters of senior year and may be substituted for six units of the upper division requirement with consent of major adviser.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Limited to honors candidates

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 units.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 0-0 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Senior Honors Course: Read Less [-]

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**EPS 197 Field Study 1 - 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2010
Written proposal signed by faculty sponsor and approved by major faculty advisor. Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of students’ EPS specialization in off-campus organization. Regular meetings with faculty sponsor and written report required.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Upper division standing and declared major in Earth and Planetary Science

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-12 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 7.5-30 hours of fieldwork per week
8 weeks - 6-24 hours of fieldwork per week
10 weeks - 4.5-18 hours of fieldwork per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Field Study: Read Less [-]

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**EPS 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2010
Group studies of selected topics which vary from semester to semester.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 198

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

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**EPS 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Enrollment is restricted by regulations.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 199

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]