Earth and Planetary Science

Mission

Research, education and service in EPS is driven by a fundamental human curiosity about the past, present and future of Earth and other planets. We underpin our intellectual mission with a comprehensive dedication to equity, accessibility and inclusion for all (http://eps.berkeley.edu/diversity-equity-inclusion-and-accessibility-deia/).

Overview

UC Berkeley's Department of Earth and Planetary Science (EPS) was the first major center of academic geology in the western United States. Berkeley geologists made the first detailed study of a major earthquake, developed potassium-argon dating, brought the rigor of thermodynamics into geology, and discovered the evidence that a comet impact killed the dinosaurs.

With growing concerns over environmental deterioration and depletion of resources, focus has broadened to include issues of urgent social relevance. Many departments at Berkeley are involved in environmental questions, ranging from policy, management, economics, and engineering to social concerns, but all have to base their conclusions upon a sound scientific understanding of Planet Earth. It is up to geologists, geochemists, and geophysicists to provide that background.

The interests of the faculty cover a broad range of earth sciences. The traditional fields of petrology, mineralogy, mineral resources, and structural geology are represented. A rapidly growing field is microbiogeochemistry. Solid earth geophysics includes a unique combination of expertise in seismology, mineral physics, and geodynamics. The earthquake and tectonics programs benefit from the resources made available through the Berkeley Seismological Laboratory (BSL (http://www.seismo.berkeley.edu/)). A vigorous program in geomorphology and surface processes attracts many students. Recently, the department has added expertise in marine, atmospheric, and planetary sciences, with links to related programs in the Departments of Chemistry, Astronomy, Geography and Environmental Science, and Policy Management. Additional resources for research are available through the Berkeley Atmospheric Science Center (BASC (http://www.atmos.berkeley.edu/)), the Center for Integrated Planetary Science (CIPS (http://cips.berkeley.edu/research/)). Resources for Geochemists include the Center for Isotope Geochemistry (http://esd.lbl.gov/facilities/center-for-isotope-geochemistry/) and the Berkeley Geochronology Center (http://www.bgc.org/). Some faculty members have strong collaborations with the Earth Science Division at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (ESD-LBNL (http://esd.lbl.gov/)) and make extensive use of the Advanced Light Source (ALS).

Research Facilities

Center for Isotope Geochemistry (CIG) (http://esd.lbl.gov/research/facilities/cig/), directed by Professor Donald DePaolo, is a joint research center of UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. CIG provides state-of-the-art analyses for measuring concentrations and isotopic compositions of elements in rocks, minerals, fluids, and gases in the earth's crust, oceans, and atmosphere. CIG has seven mass spectrometers that provide high-precision isotopic and isotope dilution analyses of Rb, Sr, Nd, Sm, Ca, K, Re, Os, Fe, U, Th, Pb, Ba, La, Ce; clean laboratories; and clean mineral separation and rock preparation laboratories. Materials analyzed are rock, ocean and ground waters, and naturally occurring noble gases.

The Center for Atmospheric Sciences is a new multidisciplinary academic group at Berkeley. It focuses on the processes that maintain and alter the atmosphere's chemical composition and circulation. It also examines the climatic effects of changes in these processes. A special emphasis is the interaction between the geosphere-biosphere and climate, with the atmosphere as the synthesizer of changes at its boundaries, and the communicator of these changes to the other spheres. Center members and associates are from the Departments of Earth and Planetary Science; Chemistry; Environmental Science, Policy and Management; Mechanical Engineering; as well as the Space Sciences Laboratory and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, among others. Research approaches are multifaceted, and include global three-dimensional circulation models; satellite observations; high-precision instrumentation for atmospheric chemistry; aircraft measurements of stratospheric-tropospheric exchange; and measurements and simulations of atmosphere-biosphere exchange of trace gases. This diversity permits the center to pose and attack new questions about past and future climate change.

Berkeley Geomorphology Group pros Pers because of the diversity of strong research programs across the campus and because of a commitment to undergraduate teaching and graduate training. The core faculty consist of Kurt Cuffey (Geography), William Dietrich, Jim Kirchner, and Michael Manga (Earth and Planetary Science). Their research programs tackle a wide range of topics, including glacier mechanics; paleoclimate analysis; hydrology; environmental geochemistry; landscape evolution; hillslope erosion mechanics; fluvial processes; restoration geomorphology; and biologic extinctions and evolutionary processes. These faculty and their students interact and collaborate with many other related groups on campus.

Active Tectonics Group uses an interdisciplinary approach to investigate active tectonic processes and the rheology of the earth's lithosphere. This approach integrates geodetic, seismologic, geomorphic, and geologic observations with theoretical models to improve scientific understanding of fault-zone processes and crustal deformation. Of particular value in this endeavor are space geodetic observations employing the Global Positioning System and Synthetic Aperture Radar Interferometry to precisely measure deformation near active faults, volcanoes, and landslides. Members of the group, led by Roland Bürgmann, often interact closely with colleagues in the Berkeley Seismological Laboratory and the Geomorphology Group.

The Berkeley Geochronology Center is a nonprofit research institution dedicated to establishing the evolution of the earth's inhabitants, and its interactions with the rest of our solar system, throughout the 4.6 billion years of the planet's existence. BGC scientists determine the ages of rocks and other materials to date important events in geological and biological history. Through understanding such information in geological context, BGC research provides key insights into such processes as plate tectonics; volcanism; mountain building; mass extinctions; climate change; interactions between the earth and solar system; and the evolution of life, including humankind.

The Berkeley Seismological Laboratory (http://seismo.berkeley.edu/); The University operates several networks of geophysical instruments in Northern California to study earthquakes and tectonic processes at the regional scale; a network of 26 broadband seismometers, regionally distributed and linked by continuous telemetry to UC Berkeley, forms the
core of the monitoring program. In addition, a network of permanent GPS
stations and a network of borehole seismometers are maintained and
operated by the lab as well as an online archive for earthquake-related
data in Northern California. Research includes the study of earthquake
wave-propagation through complex structures, the nature of earthquake
sources, eigenvibrations of the earth, and global tomography.

Center for Computational Geoscience (http://esd.lbl.gov/facilities/center-
for-computational-geoscience/): Within the Earth Sciences Division
at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is a facility for modern
seismological research which relies heavily upon intensive computational
analysis (e.g., acoustic imaging, 3D wave propagation, high-resolution
inverse earthquake analyses) or large database manipulations. The
center is used in a number of PhD and postdoctoral research studies.

The Engineering Geoscience Group teaches and researches Applied
Geophysics. It is an integral part of the Geological Engineering Group
within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UC
Berkeley. Originally, the group formed in 1962 to study and encourage
the use of geophysical methods in mineral and petroleum exploration
programs. Recently attention has shifted to the more general topic of
subsurface mapping and imaging. While research in resource exploration
topics is still actively pursued, the group’s activities now include work on
methodology and instrument development for a variety of near surface
applications related to the resolution of geotechnical and environmental
problems. In this area, the group works jointly with the Department of
Civil and Environmental Engineering on site remediation, near surface
hydrology, and soil stability projects. Incidentally, geophysical technology
developed for use in shallow subsurface regions can also be used as
an aid to archaeological searches. The technology is also expected to
play a key role in resolving contemporary problems associated with the
detection and removal of buried explosive ordinance.

Center for Integrative Planetary Science (CIPS) (http://
cips.berkeley.edu) is a new organized research unit at UC Berkeley.
Their task is to unite scientists and students from many disciplines
on a rapidly emerging scientific landscape characterized by striking
developments. These discoveries, and others during the past
decade, have revealed a remarkable set of connections among many
separate traditional sciences: geophysics, astrophysics, meteorology,
oceanography, organic chemistry, biology, and planetary science. These
disciplines are well represented at Berkeley, where strong research
programs with long records of accomplishment have existed for some
time in diverse campus departments, the Space Science Laboratory,
and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. CIPS takes advantage
of these strengths with the integrated study of the physical origin and
geochemical evolution of planets and planetary systems. Much of
this compelling research about the solar system and other planetary
systems will require knowledge across traditional disciplinary boundaries.
From the condensation of planets within protoplanetary discs to the
geochemical history of planets and moons, future researchers will require
frontier knowledge of all related disciplines.

Undergraduate Programs

Atmospheric Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-
programs/atmospheric-science/): BA, Minor
Climate Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-
programs/climate-science/): Minor
Earth and Planetary Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/
degree-programs/earth-planetary-science/): BA, Minor
Environmental Earth Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/
degree-programs/environmental-earth-science/): BA, Minor

Graduate Program

Earth and Planetary Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-
programs/earth-planetary-science/): MA (the MA program is only open to
students who majored in EPS at Berkeley), PhD

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Expand all course descriptions [+]Collapse all course descriptions [-]

EPS 3 The Water Planet 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Spring 2020

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: Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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
Summer: 3 weeks - 16 hours of lecture per week
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required, with common exam group.
Instructor: David Romps
Introduction to Climate Change: Read Less [-]

EPS 10 Earth's Greatest Volcanic Eruptions 3 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
A science-based course on the most significant eruptions Earth has produced. Most eruptions discussed will be from within historic time and will involve information from geology (volcanology), geography, archaeology, history, art, and paleoenvironmental records such as tree-rings and ice-cores. After a two-class introduction to volcanoes, volcanic activity, and volcanology, and the hazards vs benefits of eruptions, each class will feature one of more eruptions of different types from around the world. A science-based interpretation of the eruptions and effects on human-kind and the environment, will be presented. Class participants will learn about one type of natural hazard, its causes, and the variability of volcanism on Earth.
Earth's Greatest Volcanic Eruptions: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Self, Manga
Earth's Greatest Volcanic Eruptions: Read Less [-]

EPS C12 The Planets 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
A tour of the mysteries and inner workings of our solar system. What are planets made of? Why do they orbit the sun the way they do? How do planets form, and what are they made of? Why do some bizarre moons have oceans, volcanoes, and ice floes? What makes the Earth hospitable for life? Is the Earth a common type of planet or some cosmic quirk? This course will introduce basic physics, chemistry, and math to understand planets, moons, rings, comets, asteroids, atmospheres, and oceans. Understanding other worlds will help us save our own planet and help us understand our place in the universe.
The Planets: Read More [+]

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

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Jeanloz, Dressing
Also listed as: ASTRON C12/L & S C70T
The Planets: Read Less [-]

EPS W12 The Planets 3 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2024 8 Week Session, Summer 2023 8 Week Session, Summer 2022 8 Week Session
A tour of the mysteries and inner workings of our solar system. What are planets made of? Why do they orbit the sun the way they do? How do planets form, and what are they made of? Why do some bizarre moons have oceans, volcanoes, and ice floes? What makes the Earth hospitable for life? Is the Earth a common type of planet or some cosmic quirk? This course will introduce basic physics, chemistry, and math to understand planets, moons, rings, comets, asteroids, atmospheres, and oceans. Understanding other worlds will help us save our own planet and help us understand our place in the universe. This course is web-based.
The Planets: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture per week
Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Militzer
Formerly known as: Astronomy W12/Earth and Planetary Science W12
Also listed as: ASTRON W12
The Planets: Read Less [-]
EPS 20 Earthquakes in Your Backyard 3
Units
Terms offered: Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024
Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 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 [-]

EPS C20 Earthquakes in Your Backyard 3
Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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 - 2-3 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of
discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 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.
Also listed as: L & S C70Y

Earthquakes in Your Backyard: Read Less [-]

EPS 24 Freshman Seminar in Earth and
Planetary Sciences 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
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 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 To be decided by the
instructor when the class is offered.
Formerly known as: Geology 24

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

EPS 39 Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2
Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
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
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 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 To be decided by the
instructor when the class is offered.
Formerly known as: Geology 39

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]
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
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
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 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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: Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
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 81 Extreme Weather and Climate 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2020
This course provides a fundamental understanding of the extreme weather and climate variability that have affected Earth in recent decades. We begin with an overview of fire weather and hurricanes, using these phenomena to explore general principles that are also relevant to drought, tornadoes, and other extreme weather. Then we examine how atmospheric composition, planetary orbits, and radiation control global climate, and how all of these influence extreme weather. Additional topics include prediction of complex systems, chaos theory, feedbacks, instability, atmospheric aerosols, and air pollution. We use the atmospheres of other planets for comparison, learning more about Earth by seeing just how different planetary climate can be.
Extreme Weather and Climate: 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: Boos
Extreme Weather and Climate: Read Less [-]
EPS 82 Oceans 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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 EPS 82 after completing EPS 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.
Instructors: Bishop, Edwards
Formerly known as: Earth and Planetary Science C82/Integrative Biology C82

Oceans: Read Less [-]

EPS N82 Introduction to Oceans 3 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2023 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 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 88 PyEarth: A Python Introduction to Earth Science 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Earthquakes and El Ninos are examples of natural hazards in California. The course uses Python/Jupyter Notebook and real-world observations to introduce students to these and other Earth phenomena and their underlying physics. The students will learn how to access and visualize the data, extract signals, and make probability forecasts. The final module is a project that synthesizes the course material to make a probabilistic forecast. The course will be co-taught by a team of EPS faculty, and the focus of each semester will depend on the expertise of the faculty in charge.
PyEarth: A Python Introduction to Earth Science: 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. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).
Instructors: Fung, Boos, Dreger
PyEarth: A Python Introduction to Earth Science: 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 without restriction.

**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

**EPS 100A Minerals: Their Constitution and Origin 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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

**EPS 100B Genesis and Interpretation of Rocks 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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 [+]

**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

**EPS C100 Communicating Ocean Science 4 Units**
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 - 3 hours of lecture 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: Rhew
Formerly known as: Earth and Planetary Science C100/Geography C146/Integrative Biology C100
Also listed as: GEOG C146/INTEGBI C100
Communicating Ocean Science: Read Less [-]
EPS 101 Field Geology and Digital Mapping 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
Geological mapping, field observation, and problem-solving in the Berkeley hills and environs leading to original interpretation of geological processes and history from stratigraphic, structural, and lithological investigations. Integration of the Berkeley hills geology into the Coast Ranges and California as a whole through field trips to key localities. Training in digital field mapping, global positioning systems, and laser surveying. Interdisciplinary focus encourages participation by nonmajors.

Field Geology and Digital Mapping: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 50 or equivalent introductory course in Earth and Planetary Science

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 7 hours of fieldwork and 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.

Formerly known as: Geology 101
Field Geology and Digital Mapping: Read Less [-]

EPS 102 History and Evolution of Planet Earth 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
Formation and evolution of the earth. Nucleosynthesis; formation of the solar system; planetary accretion; dating the earth and solar system; formation of the core, mantle, oceans, and atmosphere; plate tectonics; heat transfer and internal dynamics; stratigraphic record of environment, and evolution; climate history and climate change.

History and Evolution of Planet Earth: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 50

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.

History and Evolution of Planet Earth: Read Less [-]

EPS 103 Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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. Students participate in a one day field trip to sample and analyze waters in the vicinity of Tomales Bay and Point Reyes.

3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion week, and a 10 hour field trip.

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 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: Bishop

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

EPS 104 Mathematical Methods in Geophysics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 104
Mathematical Methods in Geophysics: Read Less [-]
EPS 108 Geodynamics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019
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: EPS 50, 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.
Geodynamics: Read Less [-]

EPS 109 Computer Simulations with Jupyter Notebooks 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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 with Jupyter Notebooks: 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 with Jupyter Notebooks: Read Less [-]

EPS 113 Biological Oceanography and Biogeochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
We will survey the biological oceanography underlying geochemical transformations in the sea. Students will develop a strong understanding of evolution, the central dogma of molecular biology, cell structure across the domains of life, population ecology, the metabolic strategies employed by marine organisms, and the biomarkers of life in the ocean. These biological concepts will be the foundation for understanding geochemical shifts as the earth was oxygenated, changes in inorganic nutrient pools with depth and location, nitrogen cycling, Southern Ocean silica leakage, the cryptic sulfur cycle, redox chemistry leveraged by organisms at hydrothermal vents, and the biological carbon pump.
Biological Oceanography and Biogeochemistry: 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.
Biological Oceanography and Biogeochemistry: Read Less [-]

EPS 115 Stratigraphy and Earth History 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018
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
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2019
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 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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.
Instructor: Brimhall
Formerly known as: Geology 117
Geomorphology: Read Less [-]

EPS 118 Advanced Field Course 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021
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 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
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 without restriction.

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
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020
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 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019
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 per week 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

Isotopic Geochemistry: Read Less [-]

EPS 125 Stable Isotope Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020
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 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2018
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
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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.

Strong Motion Seismology: Read Less [-]

EPS 131 Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
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 150 Case Studies in Earth Systems 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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.

Case Studies in Earth Systems: Read Less [-]

EPS C162 Planetary Astrophysics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2020
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. Final exam required.

Instructors: Chiang, Dressing, Militzer
Also listed as: ASTRON C162
Planetary Astrophysics: Read Less [-]
EPS C178 Applied Geophysics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
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

EPS C180 Air Pollution 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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 greenhouse gases, smog, and changes in the oxidation capacity of the troposphere.
Air Pollution: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: CHEM 1A, CHEM 1B, and 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

EPS C181 Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
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.
Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics: 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. Final exam required.
Instructors: Chiang, Fung
Also listed as: GEOG C139
EPS C182 Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Laboratory 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
Fluid dynamics, radiative transfer, and the kinetics, spectroscopy, and measurement of atmospherically relevant species are explored through laboratory experiments, numerical simulations, and field observations. Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Laboratory: Read More [+]

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 - 3 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.

Formerly known as: Chemistry C182/Earth and Planetary Science C182

Also listed as: CHEM C182

Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read Less [-]

EPS C183 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
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.

Carbon Cycle Dynamics: 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 not required.

Instructor: Fung

Also listed as: ESPM C170

Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read Less [-]

EPS H195 Senior Honors Course 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012
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.

Senior Honors Course: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total 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 [-]

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.

Field Study: Read More [+]

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.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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 [-]
EPS 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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 without restriction.
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 [-]

EPS 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Enrollment is restricted by regulations.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
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 [-]

EPS 200 Problems in Hydrogeology 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019
Current problems in fluid flow, heat flow, and solute transport in the earth.
Pressure- and thermal-driven flow, instability, convection, interaction between fluid flow and chemical reactions. Pore pressure; faulting and earthquakes; diagenesis; hydrocarbon migration and trapping; flow-associated mineralization; contaminant problems.
Problems in Hydrogeology: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Physics 7A-7B, Chemistry 1A-1B, Math 53 and 54; open to senior undergraduates with appropriate prerequisites
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics C200 and Geology C200
Problems in Hydrogeology: Read Less [-]

EPS 203 Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021
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. Students participate in a one day field trip to sample and analyze waters in the vicinity of Tomales Bay and Point Reyes. 3 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion week, and a 10 hour field trip.
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 and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Bishop
Introduction to Aquatic and Marine Geochemistry: Read Less [-]
EPS 204 Elastic Wave Propagation 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2007, Fall 2004
Wave propagation in elastic solids; effects of anelasticity and anisotropy; representation theorems; reflection and refraction; propagation in layered media; finite-difference and finite-element methods. Elastic Wave Propagation: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 104 or equivalent; 121; Physics 105

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

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 204
Elastic Wave Propagation: Read Less [-]

EPS 207 Laboratory in Observational Seismology 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021
Group problem solving of current seismological topics. Analysis, inversion, and numerical modeling of seismic waveform data to investigate questions regarding the physics of the earthquake source and seismic wave propagation. Application of current developments and techniques in seismological research. Laboratory in Observational Seismology: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 121 or 130 or 204 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/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 207
Laboratory in Observational Seismology: Read Less [-]

EPS 209 Matlab Applications in Earth Science 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2011, Fall 2002
Introduction to Matlab programming with toolboxes. Applications come from Earth sciences and related fields including biology. Topics range from image processing, riverbed characterization, landslide risk analysis, signal processing, geospatial and seismic data analysis, and machine learning to parallel computation. Designed for beginning graduate students. Matlab Applications in Earth Science: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Some programming experience in any language

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

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Matlab Applications in Earth Science: Read Less [-]
EPS 210 Exploration, Ore Petrology, and Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2010
Exploration, Ore Petrology, and Geochemistry: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101 or 271; 100A-100B; 118 recommended
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Brimhall
Formerly known as: Geology 205
Exploration, Ore Petrology, and Geochemistry: Read Less [-]

EPS 212 Advanced Stratigraphy and Tectonics 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2011, Spring 2009, Spring 2008
Evolution of the earth in response to internal, surficial and extraterrestrial processes.
Advanced Stratigraphy and Tectonics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

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

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geology 212
Advanced Stratigraphy and Tectonics: Read Less [-]

EPS 214 Igneous Petrology 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2020, Spring 2017
The composition, generation, and cooling of magmas to form igneous rocks. The physical and thermodynamic properties of silicate liquids. Igneous Petrology: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 4 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geology 214
Igneous Petrology: Read Less [-]

EPS 216 Active Tectonics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2018
This course is a graduate course designed to introduce students in the earth sciences to the geology of earthquakes, including tectonic geomorphology, paleoseismology and the analysis and interpretation of geodetic measurements of active deformation. While the focus will be primarily on seismically active faults, we will also discuss deformation associated with landslides, regional isostatic rebound, and volcanoes, as well as measurements of global plate motions. We will address methods and applications in paleoseismology, tectonic geomorphology, and geodesy. The course will address measurement techniques (e.g., GPS, leveling, etc.), data analysis and inversion, and subsequent modeling and interpretation of the data. The integration of geodetic measurements with geologic and seismologic data allows an improved understanding of active processes.
Active Tectonics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 116 or equivalent, Physics 7A or equivalent, 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/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geology 207
Active Tectonics: Read Less [-]
EPS 217 Fluvial Geomorphology 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Application of fluid mechanics to sediment transport and development of river morphology. Form and process in river meanders, the pool-riffle sequence, aggradation, grade, and baselevel.
Fluvial Geomorphology: Read More [+]

 Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

 Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

 Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geology 217
Fluvial Geomorphology: Read Less [-]

EPS 220 Advanced Concepts in Mineral Physics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2020
A combined seminar and lecture course covering advanced topics related to mineral physics. The interface between geophysics with the other physical sciences is emphasized. Topics vary each semester.
Advanced Concepts in Mineral Physics: Read More [+]

 Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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

 Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 220
Advanced Concepts in Mineral Physics: Read Less [-]

EPS 224 Isotopic Geochemistry 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021
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/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: David Shuster
Isotopic Geochemistry: Read Less [-]

EPS 225 Topics in High-Pressure Research 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021
Analysis of current developments and techniques in experimental and theoretical high-pressure research, with applications in the physical sciences. Topics vary each semester.
Topics in High-Pressure Research: Read More [+]

 Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

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

 Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 225
Topics in High-Pressure Research: Read Less [-]
**EPS 229 Introduction to Climate Modeling 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2018

This course emphasizes the fundamentals of the climate system via a hierarchy of climate models. Topics will include energy balance, numerical techniques, climate observations, atmospheric and oceanic circulation and heat transports, and parameterizations of eddy processes. The model hierarchy will also explore nonlinear and stochastic processes, and biogeochemistry. Students will build computational models to investigate climate feedbacks, climate sensitivity, and response times.

Introduction to Climate Modeling: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

**Hours & Format**

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

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Fung

Formerly known as: Earth and Planetary Science C229/Integrative Biology C229

Introduction to Climate Modeling: Read Less [-]

**EPS 230 Radiation and Its Interactions with Climate 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Introduction to role of radiative processes in structure and evolution of the climate system. Electromagnetism; solar and terrestrial radiation; interactions of radiation with Earth's atmosphere, ocean, and land surface; greenhouse and runaway greenhouse effects; radiative balance of the climate system; energy-balance climate models; effects of clouds and aerosols; interactions of radiation with atmospheric and oceanic dynamics; radiative processes and paleoclimate; radiative processes and anthropogenic global warming.

Radiation and Its Interactions with Climate: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Physics 105, 110A, 110B

**Hours & Format**

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

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Collins

Radiation and Its Interactions with Climate: Read Less [-]

**EPS 236 Geological Fluid Mechanics 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

An advanced course in the application of fluid mechanics in the earth sciences, with emphasis on the design and scaling of laboratory and numerical models. Principals of inviscid and viscous fluid flow; dynamic similarity; boundary layers; convection; instabilities; gravity currents; mixing and chaos; porous flow. Applications to mantle convection, magma dynamics, atmosphere and ocean dynamics, sediment/debris flows, and hydrogeology. Topics may vary from year to year.

Geological Fluid Mechanics: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Continuum/fluid mechanics at the level of 108 or 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/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Geophysics 238

Geological Fluid Mechanics: Read Less [-]

**EPS C241 Stable Isotope Ecology 5 Units**


Course focuses on principles and applications of stable isotope chemistry as applied to the broad science of ecology. Lecture topics include principles of isotope behavior and chemistry, and isotope measurements in the context of terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecological processes and problems. Students participate in a set of laboratory exercises involving preparation of samples of choice for isotopic analyses, the use of the mass spectrometer and optical analysis systems, and the analysis of data.

Stable Isotope Ecology: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

**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/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Amundson, Dawson, Mambelli

Also listed as: ESPM C220/INTEGBI C227

Stable Isotope Ecology: Read Less [-]
EPS C242 Glaciology 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2018
A review of the mechanics of glacial systems, including formation of ice masses, glacial flow mechanisms, subglacial hydrology, temperature and heat transport, global flow, and response of ice sheets and glaciers. We will use this knowledge to examine glaciers as geomorphologic agents and as participants in climate change.
Glaciology: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

EPS C249 Solar System Astrophysics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
The physical foundations of planetary sciences. Topics include planetary interiors and surfaces, planetary atmospheres and magnetospheres, and smaller bodies in our solar system. The physical processes at work are developed in some detail, and an evolutionary picture for our solar system, and each class of objects, is developed. Some discussion of other (potential) planetary systems is also included.
Solar System Astrophysics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 149, 169, C160A or consent of instructor

EPS 250 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 251 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 252 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 253 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 254 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 255 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 256 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 257 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 258 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 259 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 260 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 261 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

EPS 262 Carbon Cycle Dynamics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
In this course, we will focus on 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 processes responsible for long-term storage of carbon on land and in the sea? Emphasis will be placed on the observations and modeling needed to evaluate hypotheses about carbon sources and sinks. Past records will be examined for clues about sensitivity of carbon processes to climate variations.
Carbon Cycle Dynamics: Read More [+]

EPS 263 Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Review of recent literature and discussion of ongoing research at the interface between earth science and environmental science.
Advanced Topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
EPS 254 Advanced Topics in Seismology and Geophysics 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Lectures on various topics representing current advances in seismology and geophysics, including local crustal and earthquake studies, regional tectonics, structure of the earth's mantle, and core and global dynamics. Advanced Topics in Seismology and Geophysics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 250
Advanced Topics in Seismology and Geophysics: Read Less [-]

EPS 255 Advanced Topics in Earth and Planetary Science 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
Lectures on various topics representing current advances in all aspects of earth and planetary science. Advanced Topics in Earth and Planetary Science: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1.5 hours of colloquium per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 255
Earthquake of the Week: Read Less [-]

EPS 256 Earthquake of the Week 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
Each week, the seismicity of the previous week, in California and worldwide, is reviewed. Tectonics of the region as well as source parameters and waveforms of interest are discussed and placed in the context of ongoing research in seismology. Earthquake of the Week: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Geophysics 255
Earthquake of the Week: Read Less [-]

EPS 260 Research in Earth Science 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
Weekly presentations to introduce new graduate students and senior undergraduates to current research conducted in the Department of Earth and Planetary Science. Research in Earth Science: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Geology 260
Research in Earth Science: Read Less [-]
### EPS 271 Field Geology and Digital Mapping 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Geological mapping, field observation, and problem solving in the Berkeley hills and environs leading to original interpretation of geological processes and history from stratigraphic, structural, and lithological investigations. Integration of the Berkeley hills geology into the tectonic and paleo-climatic record of the Coast Ranges and California as a whole through systematic field mapping in key localities and reading of original literature. Training in digital field mapping, use of digital base maps, and use of global positioning systems.

Field Geology and Digital Mapping: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 50 or equivalent introductory course for majors

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for 271 after taking 101.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 7 hours of fieldwork and 2 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

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

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructor:** Brimhall

Field Geology and Digital Mapping: Read Less [-]

### EPS 276 Seismic Hazard Analysis and Design Ground Motions 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Deterministic and probabilistic approaches for seismic hazard analysis. Separation of uncertainty into aleatory variability and epistemic uncertainty. Discussion of seismic source and ground motion characterization and hazard computation. Development of time histories for dynamic analyses of structures and seismic risk computation, including selection of ground motion parameters for estimating structural response, development of fragility curves, and methods for risk calculations.

Seismic Hazard Analysis and Design Ground Motions: 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/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructor:** Abrahamson

**Also listed as:** CIV ENG C276

Seismic Hazard Analysis and Design Ground Motions: Read Less [-]

### EPS 280 Research 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

Individual conferences to be arranged. Provides supervision in the preparation of an original research paper or dissertation.

Research: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 3-30 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 2-23 hours of independent study per week
10 weeks - 2-18 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

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

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructor:** Brimhall

Field Geology and Digital Mapping: Read Less [-]

### EPS 290 Seminar 1 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

Topics will be announced each semester.

Seminar: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

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

**Additional Details**

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

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Formerly known as:** Geology 290

Seminar: Read Less [-]
EPS C292 Planetary Science Seminar 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
The departments of Astronomy and Earth and Planetary Science offer a joint research seminar in advanced topics in planetary science, featuring speakers drawn from graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, faculty, and visiting scholars. Topics will span planetary interiors; surface morphology; atmospheres; dynamics; planet formation; and astrobiology. Speakers will vary from semester to semester. Meetings will be held once a week for 1 hour each, and the schedule of speakers will be determined on the first day of class. To pass the class, participants will be required to give a 30-minute presentation, either on their own research or on recent results from the literature.
Planetary Science Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-1 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Also listed as: ASTRON C292
Planetary Science Seminar: Read Less [-]

EPS C295Z Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration 3 Units
After a brief overview of the chemistry of carbon dioxide in the land, ocean, and atmosphere, the course will survey the capture and sequestration of CO2 from anthropogenic sources. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of materials synthesis and unit operation design, including the chemistry and engineering aspects of sequestration. The course primarily addresses scientific and engineering challenges and aims to engage students in state-of-the-art research in global energy challenges.
Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Chemistry 4B or 1B, Mathematics 1B, and Physics 7B, or equivalents
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Bourg, DePaolo, Long, Reimer, Smit
Also listed as: CHEM C236/CHM ENG C295Z
Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration: Read Less [-]

EPS 298 Directed Group Study for Graduates 1 - 9 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
Directed Group Study for Graduates: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Graduate
Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.
Formerly known as: Geology 298
Directed Group Study for Graduates: Read Less [-]

EPS C301 Communicating Ocean Science 4 Units
For graduate students 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/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Ingram
Also listed as: GEOG C301/INTEGBI C215
Communicating Ocean Science: Read Less [-]
EPS 375 Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Geology and Geophysics 1 - 6 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Discussion, curriculum, class observation, and practice teaching in geology, geophysics, and earth science.
Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Geology and Geophysics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and appointment as graduate student instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Earth and Planetary Science/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: Earth and Planetary Science 300

Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Geology and Geophysics: Read Less [-]