

# The Geophysics Major Curriculum

Undergraduates in Geophysics are exposed to a broad spectrum of topics in the Earth sciences that describe and predict our planet's evolution. Majors build on a solid foundation of mathematics and natural science with advanced coursework in geophysics to develop the in-depth knowledge needed to pursue advanced graduate study and professional careers in government or the private sector.

A primary focus of the Geophysics Major, both as a primary and secondary major, is the senior research project. Students work closely with a faculty mentor to complete an original research paper that can result in published literature. Students selecting Geophysics as a primary major generally pursue specialized skills in areas such as resource exploration, environmental geophysics, seismology, or tectonics. For students pursuing Geophysics as a secondary major, we encourage multidisciplinary approaches applying broad knowledge to achieve a better understanding of the Earth and its future.

## GEOPHYSICS CORE COURSES (12 units)

GP 101	Frontiers of Geophysical Research	3
GP 110	Intro to the Foundations of Geophysics	3
GP 120	Ice, Water, Fire	3
GP 162	Laboratory Characterization in Properties of Rocks and Geomaterials	3

## GEOPHYSICS RESEARCH (12 units)

GP 196	Undergraduate Research in Geophysics	9
GP 199	Senior Seminar	3

## SUPPORTING MATH (15 units)

CME 100 (or Math 51/52)	Vector Calculus	5
CME 102 (or Math 53)	ODEs	5
CME 104 (or Math 131p)	Linear Algebra and PDEs	5

## SUPPORTING PHYSICS (12 units)

Physics 41 (or 61)	Mechanics	4
Physics 43 (or 63)	Electricity and Magnetism	4
Physics 45 (or 65)	Light and Heat	4

## SUPPORTING ELECTIVES (18 units)

*Eighteen units of geophysics-relevant upper-level electives to be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies and selected from offerings across the across the university including, but not limited to courses in mathematics, Earth and other natural sciences, and engineering.*

*Substitutions allowed with consent of Director of Undergrad. Studies; classes to be taken LGE if offered, grade C or better.*

# The Geophysics Minor Curriculum

The Geophysics minor provides students with a general knowledge of Geophysics. The minor consists of four courses in Geophysics numbered 100 or higher, plus supporting math: CME 100 (or MATH 51) and physics: Physics 21 (or 41 or 61), Physics 23 (or 43 or 63), and Physics 25 (or 45 or 65).