

# Geoscience (GEOS)

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## Courses

### **GEOS 130 General Geology (5 Hours)**

In this introductory course the students will survey the geologic processes that form and shape the earth over geologic time using the models of the rock cycle, the hydrologic cycle and the tectonic cycle. In the laboratory they will conduct hands-on activities designed to enhance and reinforce the geologic concepts they have studied. 4 hrs. lecture, 3 hrs. lab/wk.

### **GEOS 130H HON: General Geology (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **GEOS 140 Physical Geography (3 Hours)**

This course is a survey of the physical and environmental topics of geography, including the methods used to study them. The Earth as a system and the subsystems of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biosphere constitute the major units of study. Students will acquire basic terminology that they will use to explain the earth, the atmosphere, the landscape, and the processes that occur on earth to change the landscape. Topics may include mapping with topographic maps and remote sensing; development and structure of the atmosphere; weather; water resources; climate; rock formation; mountain building; chemical and physical weathering; mass movement; soil formation; erosion, transportation and deposition by running water, wind, ice, currents, waves and tides; and the foundation that these processes build for the biosphere on earth. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **GEOS 140H HON: Physical Geography (1 Hour)**

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### **GEOS 141 Physical Geography Lab\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites or corequisites:** GEOS 140 or the equivalent

Students in this course will practice their knowledge of physical geography through the collection and analysis of atmospheric data and the identification and interpretation of landforms and biological patterns as depicted on topographic maps and remotely sensed imagery. 4 hrs. lab/wk.

### **GEOS 145 World Regional Geography (3 Hours)**

In this introductory course, the student will first review the basic theories of the discipline of geography, the relationship of world population and resources and the factors affecting development. Next, the student will survey the major regions of the world to identify each region's distinguishing geographic characteristics, summarize its past development and explain the key issues affecting the region's future development. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **GEOS 145H HON: World Regional Geography (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **GEOS 214 Introduction to Teaching Math and Science I\* (1 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** MATH 171 with a grade of "C" or higher OR appropriate score on the math placement test OR department approval

This course allows math and science students to explore and develop an appreciation for teaching as a career. To support their learning, students will be introduced to the theory and practice that is necessary to design and deliver quality instruction. They will plan and implement lessons of an inquiry-based curriculum in an elementary classroom during the semester. MATH 214, ASTR 214, BIOL 214, CHEM 214, GEOS 214, PHYS 214 and PSCI 214 are the same course; enroll in only one. 1.25 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **GEOS 215 Introduction to Teaching Math and Science II\* (1 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** ASTR 214 or BIOL 214 or CHEM 214 or GEOS 214 or MATH 214 or PHYS 214 or PSCI 214 with a grade of C" or higher

Students learn about the middle school environment and work on math and science inquiry-based lesson analysis, design and assessment. Student partners will plan and teach three inquiry-based lessons in a middle school. The course emphasizes writing 5E lesson plans with a focus on the importance of using appropriate questioning and assessment strategies throughout the lesson, as well as how to analyze and modify a lesson based on personal reflections and observer feedback. By the completion of the course, students should be able to reflect on their personal suitability/interest in teaching secondary math or science, and develop a feasible pathway to a career in teaching. MATH 215, ASTR 215, BIOL 215, CHEM 215, GEOS 215, PHYS 215 and PSCI 215 are the same course; enroll in only one. 1.25 hrs. lecture/wk.