

Suggested Arrangement of Courses, Geosciences (BAGS)

Requirements		Hours
1st Semester		
GEO 401 or GEO 303	Physical Geology (Major) Introduction to Geology	4
Mathematics (Core) ⁰²⁰		3
CH 301	Principles of Chemistry I (Core) ⁰³⁰	3
UGS 302	First-Year Signature Course (Core) ⁰⁹⁰	3
or UGS 303	First-Year Signature Course	
General Culture course (General Education)		3
2nd Semester		
GEO 405	Life through Time (Major)	4
BIO course (General Education)		3
CH 302	Principles of Chemistry II (Core) ⁰³⁰	3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Core) ⁰¹⁰	3
3rd Semester		
GEO 416K	Earth Materials (Major)	4
GEO 416M	Sedimentary Rocks (Major)	4
BIO course (Core) ⁰⁹³		3
Foreign Language (General Education)		6
4th Semester		
GEO 420K	Introduction to Field and Stratigraphic Methods (Major)	4
PHY 302K	General Physics Technical Course: Mechanics, Heat, and Sound (General Education)	3
or PHY 303K	Engineering Physics I	
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰		3
Foreign Language (General Education)		6
5th Semester		
Upper-division GEO course (Major)		4
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E 316L	British Literature (Core) ⁰⁴⁰	3
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
or E 316P	Masterworks of Literature	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core) ⁰⁸⁰		3
Interdisciplinary Studies course (Elective)		3
6th Semester		
Upper-division GEO course (Major)		3
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GOV 310L	American and Texas Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Social Science course (Major)		3
Interdisciplinary Studies course (Elective)		3
7th Semester		
Upper-division GEO course (Major)		3
Upper-division Interdisciplinary Studies course (Elective)		3

GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Upper-division elective (Elective)		3
8th Semester		
Upper-division GEO course (Major)		3
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U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰		3
Visual and Performing Arts (Core) ⁰⁵⁰		3
Upper-division Interdisciplinary Studies course (Elective)		3
Total Hours		120

Four-year degree suggestion (for planning purposes only).

Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor.

Course categories: Core, General Education[†], Major, Elective, Opportunity

Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II

Undergraduate Degree Program listing

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.