Admission

Admission and readmission of undergraduate students to the University is the responsibility of the director of admissions. All students who wish to major in geological sciences must be admitted to the University according to the procedures given in the General Information Catalog. Students admitted to the University with deficiencies in high school units must remove the deficiencies as prescribed in the General Information Catalog.

Admission to the Jackson School is granted for the fall semester only. All freshmen and external transfer students are expected to attend New Student Orientation the summer before they enter the school.

Admission to the Environmental Science Program

All freshmen and external transfer students majoring in environmental science (EVS) are first admitted to the University as entry-level EVS majors in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences. After completing a minimum of 24 hours in residence, students may select the EVS degree plan that best suits their long-term interests and, if necessary, transfer to the appropriate college/school in accordance with the regulations and procedures set forth in that college or school's General Information Catalog.

Freshman Admission

Freshmen applicants seeking admission to the EVS major through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences must meet the calculus readiness requirement by the official admissions application deadline. More information about the calculus readiness requirement is available through the University Admissions Office or online.

Freshmen applicants to the EVS major from all three colleges/schools are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. Applicants should use the Common App or ApplyTexas online application and select the “Environmental Science, Entry-Level” major option listed in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences as a first-choice major. Applicants should apply to the EVS program in the college that best suits their anticipated area of focus (geological sciences, geographical sciences, or biological sciences, respectively).

External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in the General Information Catalog. External transfer applicants seeking admission to the Environmental Science (EVS) Degree Program through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences must demonstrate calculus readiness by the official admissions application deadline. Details regarding transfer calculus readiness are available through the University Admissions Office or online.

External transfer applicants to the EVS major from all three colleges/schools are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. Applicants should use the Common App or ApplyTexas online application and select the “Environmental Science, Entry-Level” major option listed in the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences as a first-choice major. Applicants should apply to the EVS program in the college that best suits their anticipated area of focus (geological sciences, geographical sciences, or biological sciences, respectively).

Internal Transfer Admission

Internal transfer, entry-level applications submitted to the EVS major through the Jackson School of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts, or the College of Natural Sciences are reviewed and admitted as a single cohort. All internal transfer applicants should use the online EVS Program Transfer Application and must meet the requirements for internal transfer given in the General Information Catalog.

To be competitive for admission, internal transfer applicants should have a grade point average of at least 3.00 in Biology 311C, Chemistry 301, Mathematics 408C or 408N or 408K, and Geological Sciences 401 or 303.

Additional Information for all internal transfer applicants:

- Application Deadline: May 1st for entry the following academic year.
- Only currently enrolled students in good academic standing with their college of residence may apply.
- Students may apply during the semester they are completing the minimum requirements to be eligible for consideration.
- Entry-level admission to all Environmental Science majors is offered as a space is available to the students who are best qualified. Decisions are based on the student’s grade point average in the introductory science and math courses listed above, University grade point average, and other factors including, but not limited to, difficulty of course load, course repetitions, proven mathematical ability, and interest in the field of Environmental Science.

Students should consult with an Academic Advisor for additional information on the application process and deadlines.

Admission to the Geological Sciences Program

Freshman Admission

Freshmen applicants seeking admission to the Jackson School must meet the published University admissions requirements for the major by the official admissions application deadline. More information about admission requirements are available through the University Admissions Office or online.

Applications to the Jackson School of Geosciences must use the Common App or ApplyTexas online application and select geological sciences, entry-level as a first-choice major. When selecting a second-choice major, freshman applicants may choose from one of the many other majors offered at the University. Those students interested in applying to the environmental science degree program should refer to the information provided above. Those students interested in applying to the geosystems engineering degree program should refer to the information provided below.

External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described in the General Information Catalog. External transfer applicants seeking admission to the Jackson School of Geosciences must meet all published University admission requirements for the major and submit a complete application by the official admissions application deadline.

External transfer applicants to the Jackson School must use the Common App or ApplyTexas online application and select geological...
sciences, entry-level as a first-choice major. Only courses listed in the
student’s geosciences degree program, or equivalent courses approved
by the Jackson School of Geosciences, may be counted toward a
geosciences degree. A course may therefore be accepted for transfer
credit but not be applicable toward a geosciences degree. Prospective
students are encouraged to consult the geological sciences degree plans
and transfer course equivalency information available online.

Internal Transfer Admission

Students enrolled in another college or school at the University
may apply in early spring and fall to be considered for admission
to the Jackson School of Geosciences the following fall and spring
semester. Students must be in good academic standing for admission.
The following minimum requirements for consideration are in addition
to the requirements to transfer from one division to another given in
the General Information Catalog.

a. Enrolled full-time (12 SCH) and within your first 4 long semesters (fall
and spring) at UT Austin.

b. No more than 60 hours in-residence completed at UT Austin. (Note:
Credit by exam, UT correspondence, extension and transfer hours do
not count toward this requirement).

c. Completion of the following course work (or equivalent) with a grade
of C- or higher in each:

• Calculus I: UT Austin courses M 408C or 408K and 408L or
M 408N and M 408S. For students with less than 30
hours of coursework in residence at the University at
the completion of the spring semester in which they
apply, Mathematics 408K and M 408L. For students with 30
hours or more: Mathematics 408D or M 408M.

• Geology or Related Subject: UT Austin
courses GEO 401, GEO 303, or closely related subject.

• **Applicants with over 30 hours in-residence should also
complete Calculus II, UT Austin M 408D or M 408M (or
equivalent), and CH 301 with a grade of C- or higher.

Additional information for all internal transfer applicants:

• Only currently enrolled students may apply.

• Students may apply during the semester they are completing the
minimum requirements to be eligible for consideration.

• Interested students are encouraged to attend a Jackson School
internal transfer information session prior to the spring they intend to
submit an application for internal transfer. A schedule of information
sessions as well as additional information about the application
process, online application, and submission deadlines are available
on the Jackson School undergraduate website.

Internal Transfer within the Jackson School

A geological sciences student interested in transferring to a different
degree program within the Jackson School must submit an internal
transfer application prior to normal university deadlines for admission
review. Students must meet the same minimum requirements as
students applying to transfer from another division of the University to
be eligible for consideration.

Students in the BS Geosystems Engineering and BS Environmental
Science degree programs may have an active student status in more
than one college or school over the course of their degree program.
These arrangements are in place to provide students access to required
courses not offered in their primary college or school. The Cockrell
School of Engineering is the primary school for the GE degree and the
College of Liberal Arts, College of Natural Sciences, or Jackson School
for the EVS degree. Therefore, students in these degree programs
interested in transferring to a geological sciences degree program in
the Jackson School must submit an internal transfer application for
consideration as outlined in this section.

Admission to the Geosystems Engineering
Program

The Bachelor of Science in Geosystems Engineering (GE) is offered
jointly by the Cockrell School of Engineering and the Jackson School of
Geosciences. Students are simultaneously registered in both schools
once accepted.

Freshmen Admission

Admission and readmission of undergraduate students to the University
is the responsibility of the director of admissions. All students who wish
to major in Geosciences must be admitted to the University according to
the procedures given in the General Information Catalog.

Applicants to the GE program should use the Common App
or ApplyTexas online application and select geosystems engineering as
a first-choice major. When selecting a second-choice major, freshman
applicants may choose from one of the many other majors offered at the
University.

External Transfer Admission

Students who wish to transfer to the University from another college
or university must apply to the Office of Admissions as described
in the General Information Catalog. External transfer applicants are
admitted through the Cockrell School of Engineering and should
use the Common App or ApplyTexas online application and select
geosystems engineering as a first-choice major. Requirements for
admission as a transfer student vary, but all transfer applicants must
submit transcripts of all college and high school coursework.

External transfer applicants will be required to meet the following
minimum criteria to be considered for admission to the geosystems
engineering major:

• Completion of Mathematics 408L, 408M, or 408D,
• Completion of Physics 303K and 103M,
• Completion of a minimum of four technical courses. Technical
courses include courses offered in mathematics, physics, chemistry,
biology, geology, computer science, and engineering.

Admission applications that are not complete by the March 1st deadline
may be held to a higher admissions standard than those that are
complete, if enrollment limits are reached.

Internal Transfer Admissions

Students interested in transferring to the GE program from another
division of the University must apply through the Cockrell School of
Engineering. Please refer to the General Information Catalog as well as
the Cockrell School of Engineering portion of the Undergraduate Catalog
for minimum requirements, application deadlines, and other information
regarding internal transfer admissions for the geosystems engineering
degree program.

Registration

The General Information Catalog gives information about registration,
adding and dropping courses, transferring from one division of the
University to another, and auditing a course. The Course Schedule,
published before registration each semester and summer session,
contains registration instructions, advising locations, and the times,
places, and instructors of classes. The Course Schedule and General Information Catalog are published on the registrar’s website.