

College of Science
Department of Geosciences
Bachelor of Science in Geosciences (BS)
Geophysics (GEOP) Option
For students entering under UG Catalog 2021-2022

I. PATHWAYS TO GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (45 credits*)

Pathways requirements and approved courses are available online: <http://www.cle.prov.vt.edu/guides/index.html>

Concept 1: Discourse (9 credits)

(Foundation: 6 credits)

ENGL 1105 (3)

ENGL 1106 (3)

(Advanced: 3 credits)

Completed by major/option requirements

Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credits)

(Select from approved Pathways courses)

_____ (3)

_____ (3)

Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credits)

(Select from approved Pathways courses)

_____ (3)

_____ (3)

Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credits)

Completed by major/option requirements

Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 credits)

(Foundation: 6 credits)

Completed by major/option requirements

(Advanced: 3 credits)

Completed by major/option requirements

Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credits)

(Select from approved Pathways courses)

_____ (3 Arts)

_____ (3 Design)

Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in the US (3 credits)

(Select from approved Pathways courses, can double count with another concept)

_____ (3)

** If requirements completed as outlined, 18 credit hours of Pathways will be satisfied by major/option requirements*

II. GEOS Degree Core (19 credits)	_____	Sem†	
GEOS 2024 Earth's Dynamic Systems	_____ (8)	F	
GEOS 2444 Geoscience Field Observations. <i>Pre: (1004, 1104) or 2024 or 2104)</i>	_____ (2)	S	
GEOS 3204 Sedimentology Stratigraphy. <i>Pre: (1004 or 2024 or 2104)</i>	_____ (3)	F	
GEOS 3404 Elements of Structural Geology. <i>Pre: (1004 or 2024 or 2104)</i>	_____ (3)	F	
GEOS 3504 Mineralogy. <i>Pre: CHEM 1035</i>	_____ (3)	F	

III. GEOS Major Requirements (19 credits)*	_____	Sem†	Meets Pathways:
GEOS 2004 Geoscience Fundamentals	_____ (3)	S	
GEOS 4024* Senior Seminar. <i>Pre: (2004, 2024, 2444, 3204, 3404, 3504)</i>	_____ (3)	S	1 advanced
GEOG 2084 Principles of Geographic Information Systems	_____ (3)		
CHEM 1035* General Chemistry. <i>Co: MATH 1025 or MATH 1225</i>	_____ (3)		4
CHEM 1045* General Chemistry Laboratory. <i>Co: 1035</i>	_____ (1)		4
STAT 3005* Statistical Methods. <i>Pre: (MATH 1025 or MATH 1225)</i>	_____ (3)		5 advanced
OR STAT 3615* Biological Statistics. <i>Pre: (MATH 1205 or MATH 1525 or MATH 1225 or MATH 1025 or MATH 1524 or ISC 1105)</i>			

Choose 1 course from the list below:

GEOS 3024 Computational Methods in the Geosciences <i>Pre: (1004 or 2024 or 2104), (MATH 1225 or MATH 1025)</i>	_____ (3)	
CS 1044 Intro to Programming in C		
CS 1064 Intro to Programming in Python		

* Credits may double-count for Major Requirements and Pathways (Section I)

IV. GEOP Option Requirements (38-39 credits)*	_____	Sem†	Meets Pathways:
MATH 1225* Calculus of a Single Variable	_____ (4)		5 foundation
MATH 1226* Calculus of a Single Variable	_____ (4)		5 foundation
MATH 2204 Introduction to Multivariable Calculus. <i>Pre: 1226</i>	_____ (3)		
MATH 2214 Introduction to Differential Equations <i>2114 or 2114H or 2405H, 1226)</i>	_____ (3)		
MATH 2114 Introduction to Linear Algebra <i>grade of at least B in 1225</i>	_____ (3)		
PHYS 2305* Foundations of Physics <i>or MATH 1205H or MATH 1225) or (MATH 1206 or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226)</i>	_____ (4)		4
PHYS 2306* Foundations of Physics <i>or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226), PHYS 2305</i>	_____ (4)		4
GEOS 3104 Elementary Geophysics <i>2024 or 2104), (MATH 1026 or MATH 1226), (PHYS 2205 or PHYS 2305)</i>	_____ (3)	S	

Choose 3 courses from the list below:

GEOS 4154 Earthquake Seismology (3; odd years) <i>(MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H), (MATH 2214, PHYS 2305)</i>	Pre: 3104,	_____ ()	S
GEOS 4164 Potential Field Methods in Exploration Geophysics (4; odd years) <i>Pre: 3104, (MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H), (MATH 2214, PHYS 2306)</i>		_____ ()	F
GEOS 4174 Exploration Seismology (4; even years) <i>(MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H), MATH 2214, PHYS 2305)</i>	Pre: 3104,	_____ ()	F
GEOS 4924 Tectonics (4) <i>1025 or MATH 1225), (PHYS 2205 or PHYS 2305)</i>	Pre: (MATH	_____ ()	S

* Credits may double-count for Option Requirements and Pathways (Section I)

V. GEOP Option Electives (9 credits)	_____	_____
Choose 6 credits of any GEOS 3XXX-4XXX#	_____ (3)	_____ (3)
Choose 3 credits of any MATH or PHYS 3XXX-4XXX#	_____ (3)	

VI. FREE ELECTIVES	_____	_____
Complete remaining credit hours needed to satisfy degree 120 credit hour requirement	_____ ()	_____ ()

NOTES:

† Semester of course offering only noted for required GEOS courses. Semester offered is subject to change. Please consult the timetable or your advisor for current information.

Prerequisites

See University Course Catalog for prerequisites

Except when noted with a #, all prerequisites are listed on the checksheet. There are no hidden prerequisites, although some of the courses listed are prerequisites for other courses. Even when listed, prerequisites are subject to change. Please consult University Course Catalog for current information.

Acceptable substitutions

GEOS 1004, 1104, 1014 for GEOS 2024

GEOS 2104, 1014 for GEOS 2024

CHEM 1055 or CHEM 1055H for CHEM 1035

CHEM 1065 for CHEM 1045

ENGL 1204H for ENGL 1106

COMM 1015 for ENGL 1105 and COMM 1016 for ENGL 1106

CS 1344 for CS 1044

MATH 2114H for MATH 2114

MATH 2214H for MATH 2214

MATH 2204H for MATH 2204

Foreign language requirement

Students who did not successfully complete at least two years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language during high school must successfully complete six semester hours of a single foreign, classical, or sign language at the college level. Courses taken to meet this requirement do not count toward the hours required for graduation. Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog for details.

Satisfactory progress toward degree (Policy 91)

1. By 60 hours attempted at Virginia Tech, students must have completed the following courses:

GEOS 2004, 2024 (or 1004, 1104, 1014 or 2104, 1014), 2444, 3504

MATH 1225

CHEM 1035, 1045

PHYS 2305

2. Students must achieve an overall GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.5 upon attempting 15 GEOS credit hours (including transfer credit, courses completed with a grade of "W", advanced placement or IB credit)

Graduation requirements

Graduation requires completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours with a GPA of 2.0 or greater for all hours attempted. In addition, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.5 or greater. The in-major GPA is calculated from all GEOS courses.