

ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1313	Composition I Critical Analysis and Writing I	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213 ENGL 1413 ENGL 3323	Composition II Critical Analysis and Writing II Technical Writing	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103 or HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	Survey of American History American History to 1865 (H) American History Since 1865 (DH)	3
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH 1513	College Algebra (Q)	3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
BIOL 1113 & BIOL 1111 or BIOL 1114	Introductory Biology (N) and Introductory Biology Laboratory (LN) Introductory Biology (LN)	4
CHEM 1314	Chemistry I (LN)	4
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
Course designated (S)		3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 2 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 2 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		2
Hours Subtotal		40

College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar)	1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		
See note 2.a.		3
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHYS 1114	College Physics I (LN)	4
CHEM 1515 or GEOL 2403	Chemistry II (LN) ¹ Chemistry of Earth Systems	5
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
0-6 hours. See note 3.		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
Select 6 hours outside major department. See note 2.c.		
Hours Subtotal		13
Major Requirements		
GEOL 1114 or GEOL 1214 or GEOL 1014	Physical Geology (LN) Introductory Geological Processes (LN) Geology and Human Affairs (LN)	4
Minimum grade of "C" in all Major Required courses.		
PHYS 1214 or GEOL 2103	College Physics II (LN) Fundamentals of Geophysics	4
GEOL 3044	Rocks and Minerals	4
GEOL 3034	Principles of Stratigraphy and Sedimentology	4
GEOL 3503	Environmental Geology (N)	3
GEOL 3546 or GEOL 4981	Field Geology ¹ Geoscience Internship	6
GEOL 4453 or GEOL 4463	Hydrogeology Physical Hydrogeology	3
GEOG 4073	Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future	3
GEOG 4203 or NREM 2083	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems Geospatial Technologies for Natural Resources	3
NREM 3013 or BIOL 3034 or ENVR 3113	Applied Ecology and Conservation ¹ General Ecology Environmental Sampling and Analysis	3
SOIL 2124	Fundamentals of Soil Science (N)	4
STAT 2013 or STAT 4013	Elementary Statistics (Q) Statistical Methods I (Q)	3
NREM 4043	Natural Resource Administration and Policy	3
Select 15 hours from the following:		15
GEOL 1224	Evolution of the Earth (LN)	
GEOL 3014	Structural Geology	
GEOL 3073	Geomorphology	
GEOL 3103	Paleontology	
GEOL 4503	Introduction to Oceanography (N)	
GEOL 4513	Marine Geology	
GEOL 4583	Environmental Data Analytics	
GEOL 4673	Critical Earth Materials	
GEOL 4753	Volcanology	
GEOG 3333	Spatial Analysis (Q)	
GEOG 4053	Biogeography, Biodiversity, and Humankind	

GEOG 4333	Remote Sensing	
GEOG 4263	Geospatial Applications for Unmanned Aerial Systems	
GEOG 4343	Geographic Information Systems: Resource Management Applications	
ENVR 1113	Elements of Environmental Science (N)	
NREM 3153	Forest Health and Disturbance Ecology	
NREM 4033	Ecology Of Invasive Species	
BIOL 4434	Limnology	
Hours Subtotal		62
Electives		
Select 5 hours ¹		5
Hours Subtotal		
Total Hours		120

¹ Elective credit hours will be reduced accordingly if BIOL 3034 is selected, or increased accordingly if GEOL 2103, or GEOL 2403, or GEOL 4981 are selected.

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

- Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
- A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (Q) or (N) general education designation.
 - Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.

3. Foreign Language Proficiency

- The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
 - The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.