



Program of Study

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

1. Carolina Core (32-44 hours)

- a. **CMW** (6 hours): any approved CC-CMW course –*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*
- b. **ARP** (6-8 hours) –*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*
 - i. MATH 122 or 141
 - ii. MATH 170 or 142
- c. **SCI** (8 hours)
 - i. CHEM 111
 - ii. CHEM 111L
 - iii. PHYS 201/201L or PHYS 211/211L
- d. **GFL** (0-6 hours): Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required for all baccalaureate degrees. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.
It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.
- e. **GHS** (3 hours): any approved CC-GHS course
- f. **GSS** (3 hours): any approved CC-GSS course
- g. **AIU** (3 hours): any approved CC-AIU course

Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements:

Up to two of these requirements may be met in overlay courses. At least one of these requirements must be satisfied by a course not applied elsewhere in general education. (3-9 Hours)

- h. **CMS** (3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course
- i. **INF** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course
- j. **VSR** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course

2. College Requirements (15-18 hours)

- a. **Foreign language course** (0-3 hours) –*only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency*
- b. **Analytical Reasoning** (6 hours)
 - i. STAT 201, 509, or 515
 - ii. CSCE 102 (or equivalent) or higher
- c. **History** (3 hours): The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- d. **Social Science** (3 hours)
- e. **Fine Arts or Humanities** (3 hours)

3. Program Requirements (24-30 hours)

a. Cognate or Minor (12-18 hours):

Cognate

The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve (12) hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of but related to the major. The cognate may be taken in one or more departments or programs, depending on the interests of the student and the judgment of the advisor.

Courses offered by departments and programs that are acceptable for cognate credit are outlined in the section titled [Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences](#).

For cognate course offerings in other colleges, consult the appropriate sections of this bulletin. Some major programs have specific cognate requirements.

It should be emphasized that the cognate is not a second set of elective courses to be chosen at random by the student. The cognate must be approved by the major advisor as being related to the major field of study. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the cognate.

For Bachelor of Science degrees, grades of **D** are acceptable for completion of the cognate requirement, except where restricted by the major program.

Minor

In place of the cognate a student in the College of Arts and Sciences may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. (Some minors in the sciences require a minimum of 16 hours.) The subject area of the minor may be related to the major. Students pursuing interdisciplinary minors who wish to use courses in their major department for minor credit must petition the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for permission to do so.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. It differs from the cognate inasmuch as the courses must be concentrated in one area and must follow a structured sequence. Interdisciplinary minors can be designed with the approval of the assistant dean for academic affairs and advising.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. **All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.** At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at [Programs A-Z](#).

b. Supporting Courses (12 hours)

- i. GEOL 101 *or* 103 *or* 201
- ii. Two of the following:
 1. PHYS 202/202L *or* PHYS 212/212L
 2. CHEM 112/112L
 3. BIOL 101/101L
 4. BIOL 102/102L

c. Electives (0-6 hours) (*to reach required hours to graduate*): No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Note: No electives will be needed to reach hours to graduate if completing the Degree with Distinction.

4. Major Requirements (43 hours) – *a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses*

a. Major Courses (34 hours)

- i. GEOL 302
- ii. GEOL 305
- iii. GEOL 315
- iv. GEOL 325
- v. GEOL 335
- vi. GEOL 345
- vii. GEOL 355

- viii. GEOL 500
- b. **Major Electives** (9 hours)
 - i. 9 hours from the following:
 - 1. GEOL 511
 - 2. GEOL 515
 - 3. GEOL 516
 - 4. GEOL 518
 - 5. GEOL 521
 - 6. GEOL 531
 - 7. GEOL 545
 - 8. GEOL 546
 - 9. GEOL 553
 - 10. GEOL 557
 - 11. GEOL 581
 - 12. GEOL 582
 - 13. GEOL 583
 - 14. GEOL 498 (Limit 3 credits on approved research topics)
 - 15. GEOL 499 (Limit 3 credits on approved research topics)

Degree with Distinction in Geological Sciences

Available to students majoring in Geological Sciences who wish to participate in significant research activities in their major field under the supervision of a faculty mentor.

Requirements

- a. A minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major and 3.3 overall.
- b. A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor on file in the department.
- c. Public presentation of the Senior Thesis research accompanied by a written document approved by the faculty mentor and a second reader that follows the guidelines of the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment.
- d. 3 courses (9 hours) in addition to the general major requirements, including:
 - i. GEOL 498 *or* GEOL 499
 - ii. GEOL 699
 - iii. A minimum of one GEOL 500-level course appropriate to the research.