

BA in Geology with concentration in General Geology

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Geology with a concentration in General Geology. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ¹	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II)	3		
MATH 101 or GEOL 190 (Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning)	3	MATH 115 or 125 (BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR), Major Pre-requisite)	3-4		
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5		
BIOL 100 (Goal 3 Natural Science, Major Pre-requisite)	3	CHEM 130 (Major Pre-requisite)	5		
BIOL 102 (BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE), Major Pre-Requisite)	1				
15		16-17			

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language)	3	5 GEOL 360 (Summer only), Major Requirement	2
Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3		
EECS 138 (Major Pre-requisite)	3	GEOL 331 (Major Requirement) ³	4		
GEOL 101 (Major Requirement)	3	PHSX 111, 114, or 211 and 216 (Major Pre-requisite)	3-5		

GEOL 103 (Major Requirement)	2		
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Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	3	Goal 4.2 Global Awareness	3	GEOL 560 (Summer only), Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement	3
Goal 3 Social Science	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3		
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	GEOL 562 (Major Requirement) ³	4		
GEOL 311 (Major Requirement) ³	3	Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3		
GEOL Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ^{2,3}	3	Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	2		
12		15		3	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
GEOL 521 (Major Requirement) ³	3	GEOL Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ^{2,3}	3
GEOL Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ^{2,3}	3	GEOL Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ^{2,3}	3
LA&S 490 (Recommended, or elective)	3	GEOL Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) ^{2,3}	3
Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3	Second Area of Study/Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁵	3
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Total Hours 120-125

¹ The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.

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² Geology majors are required to complete 15 hours of elective. The General Geology track offers electives in Solid Earth, Surface Earth, and Geology and Natural Resources. For a list of applicable electives see the degree requirements (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/geology/ba/#requirementstext>) tab.

³ All major required Geology courses and most Geology elective courses numbered 300 and above are offered once a year, either in the fall, spring or summer term.

⁴ Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

⁵ Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.