

Geology

California Lutheran University's Geology Department offers a challenging curriculum for students who are interested in exploring for energy and economic resources, analyzing geologic hazards and mitigating the human impact on the environment.

The program emphasizes learning through course work, as well as through extensive fieldwork. The department works closely with the other related disciplines of chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics and geography. Through their studies and research projects, Cal Lutheran geology majors will learn how the Earth's processes and life have changed over time.

Southern California offers a unique opportunity for Cal Lutheran students to study firsthand many of the geologic wonders of the world. Numerous field trips are offered during the year to places such as Death Valley, the Grand Canyon, Owens Valley and the eastern Sierra Nevada.

Along with being accepted in graduate schools around the country, many Cal Lutheran geology majors have entered careers in petroleum geology, geophysics and the environmental geology fields. In both the public and private sectors, geologists are hired to study groundwater pollution, earthquake hazards and landslides, as well as to work in the mining industry, petroleum industry or in research laboratories.

Bachelor of Arts in Geology

35 credits minimum, 22 credits upper division.

GEOL 111/111L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 112/112L	Historical Geology and Historical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 311/311L	Crystallography and Mineralogy and Crystallography and Mineralogy Lab	5
GEOL 312/312L	Petrology and Petrology Lab	5
GEOL 331/331L	Invertebrate Paleontology and Invertebrate Paleontology Lab	4
GEOL 332/332L	Stratigraphy and Sedimentation and Stratigraphy and Sedimentation Lab	4
GEOL 335/335L	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Lab	5
GEOL 421	Field Geology	4
Total Hours		35

Required Supporting Courses

PHYS 201/201L	Mechanics and Thermodynamics-Algebra and Mechanics and Thermodynamics- Lab	4
CHEM 151/151L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Lab	5
MATH 251	Calculus I	4
Total Hours		13

Bachelor of Science in Geology

38 credits minimum, 30 credits upper division.

GEOL 111/111L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 112/112L	Historical Geology and Historical Geology Lab	4
GEOL 311/311L	Crystallography and Mineralogy and Crystallography and Mineralogy Lab	5
GEOL 312/312L	Petrology and Petrology Lab	5
GEOL 331/331L	Invertebrate Paleontology and Invertebrate Paleontology Lab	4
GEOL 332/332L	Stratigraphy and Sedimentation and Stratigraphy and Sedimentation Lab	4
GEOL 335/335L	Structural Geology and Structural Geology Lab	5
GEOL 421	Field Geology	4
GEOL 485	Seminar	2-4

Required Supporting Courses

PHYS 201/201L	Mechanics and Thermodynamics-Algebra and Mechanics and Thermodynamics- Lab	4
PHYS 202/202L	Electricity, Magnetism, Optics -Algebra and Electricity, Magnetism, Optics - Lab	4
CHEM 151/151L	General Chemistry and General Chemistry Lab	5
CHEM 152/152L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	5
MATH 251	Calculus I	4

MATH 252	Calculus II	4
Total Hours		26

Minor in Geology

16 credits minimum, 8 credits minimum at upper division level.

GEOL 111	Physical Geology	3
GEOL 111L	Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 112	Historical Geology	3
GEOL 112L	Historical Geology Lab	1
Upper Division Geology Credits		8

Courses

Lower Division

EES 111. Physical Geology. (3).

A systematic analysis of the Earth, inside and out, its rocks, minerals, soils and water. This involves the study of the processes by which these materials are formed and are constantly changed, including how mountains are created and then eroded by streams, wind and glaciers. Volcanoes, earthquakes and plate tectonics are also covered. Field trips. Lecture, 3 hours/week.

EES 111L. Physical Geology Lab. (1).

Hands-on study of rocks and minerals, topographic and air photo interpretation and a variety of geologic exercises that help understand the geologic processes and landforms studied in GEOL 111. Laboratory, 2 hours/week. Prerequisite or corequisite: EES-111.

EES 112. Historical Geology. (3).

The study of the ancient distribution of land and sea and change in life through geologic time. Lecture, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-111.

EES 112L. Historical Geology Lab. (1).

Includes fossil identification, geologic map interpretation and paleogeographic problems. Prerequisite or corequisite: EES-112.

EES 118. The Oceans. (4).

A general survey of geological and biological processes in the oceans with a strong environmental emphasis. Laboratory exercises and field trips complement lecture material. (Cross-listed with BIOL 118).

EES 118L. The Oceans Lab. (0).

Co-requisite: EES-118 (Cross-listed with BIOL-118L).

EES 151. Physical Geography. (3).

A systematic study of the nature of basic physical elements of human habitat, especially climate, landforms and Earth resources.

EES 151L. Physical Geography Lab. (1).

EES 152. Introduction to Environmental Science. (4).

An examination of the relationship between people and the physical environment. Topics include geologic hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes; pollution of land, air and water; park conservation; energy alternatives; and global challenges such as ozone depletion and human-induced climate change. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory required, 2 hours/week.

EES 212. Dinosaurs. (4).

A survey of the non-avian dinosaurs includes: anatomical comparisons of the major dinosaur groups, plus flying and swimming vertebrates of the Mesozoic Era: new discoveries such as dinosaur eggs and nesting sites, the emergence of birds, soft tissue preservation, and the search for genetic material; a review of the process of fossilization; the paleogeography of the Mesozoic world; and the geological background relevant to dinosaur studies. Lab activities are integrated into the meeting times of the lecture course.

EES 224. Planetary Geology. (4).

This course will focus on the Earth and its local planetary neighbors utilizing the vast amount of information that has been and continues to be acquired by space probes as well as manned lunar missions. Exposure to comparisons with other nearby planets and planetary objects will allow a better understanding of the Earth, especially our impact on climate and resources. New discoveries and observations in planetary geology demonstrate how the field of geology has changed dramatically since the inception of the "space age". This class will provide students with new insights into planetary evolution, the impact of the space program on our societal needs, and challenge them to critically evaluate data. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 2 hours/week.

EES 282C. ST: Selected Topic (Core). (1-4).

Select Topic approved for core requirement.

Upper Division

EES 305. Climate Change. (4).

This course investigates how contemporary/anthropogenic climate change compares to climate variations over Earth's long history, including our scientific understanding of its causes and its local and global impacts. An overview of the physical components of Earth's climate system is discussed. The course includes both lecture and laboratory experiences. Prerequisite: EES 111 or EES 152. Offered Fall semesters.

EES 311. Crystallography & Mineralogy. (5).

Covers morphological crystallography, crystal chemistry, relation of mineral properties to their internal structure, recognition of selected minerals in hand specimen and optical techniques used for mineral identification (use of the polarizing microscope). Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 6 hours/week. Prerequisites or corequisites: EES-112; Chem-151.

EES 312. Petrology. (5).

The study of the origin, occurrence, classification and identification of igneous and metamorphic rocks in hand specimen. Lecture, 4 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-311.

EES 331. Invertebrate Paleontology. (4).

A survey of the study of ancient life as revealed in the fossil record. Lecture stresses evolutionary theory and the history of life; lab surveys major invertebrate fossil taxa with emphasis on taxonomy and functional morphology. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week. Prerequisite: EES-112.

EES 331L. Invertebrate Paleontology Lab. (0).

EES 332. Stratigraphy & Sedimentation. (4).

The study of sedimentary rocks, sites of deposition, postdepositional changes and sedimentary tectonics. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 3 hours/week.

EES 332L. Stratigraphy & Sediment Lab. (0).

EES 335. Structural Geology. (5).

The discussion of primary and secondary rock structures, with particular reference to crustal deformation. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory, 6 hours/week.

EES 335L. Structural Geology Lab. (0).

EES 390. Introduction to Soils. (4).

Soil Science encompasses a broad spectrum of integrated sciences that include biology, chemistry, earth/geological sciences, physics, horticulture and ecology. Lectures will introduce you to many of the subdivisions of soil science that include: agriculture and nutrient management, soil formation and pedology, soil classifications, soil biology, soil physics and soil chemistry. Lab exercises are designed to provide you with some hands on experience pertinent to the subdivisions of Soil Science.

EES 390L. Intro to Soils Lab. (0).

EES 395. Water Resources. (3).

An introduction to the principles of surface and groundwater hydrology and to problems related to water utilization. Includes water distribution and availability, alternatives for increasing future water supply, water pollution and mitigation, and water rights law.

EES 395L. Lab & Field Studies Water Resources. (1).

Water sampling and testing; simulation of groundwater movement and contaminant migration; stream-table modeling of fluvial landforms. Field trips to study geologic and hydrologic characteristics of areas important to water supply in California and the Southwest.

EES 405. Geophysics. (4).

An interdisciplinary study of how to use geophysical observations of the Earth's gravitational and magnetic fields, seismic wave velocities and subsurface electrical resistivity to solve geological and environmental problems. Specific field methods using geophysical instruments will be taught along with the interpretation of the collected data. Lecture, 3 hours/week; Laboratory 3 hours/week. Prerequisites: PHYS 201 & PHYS 202 or PHYS 211 & PHYS 212. EES-111 or EES-152 recommended. (cross-listed with Phys 405).

EES 405L. Geophysics Lab. (0).

EES 421. Field Geology. (4).

Studies the field methods used in geology, including surveying, plane tabling, geologic mapping and section measuring. Prerequisite: EES-335.

EES 482C. ST: Selected Topic (Core). (1-4).

Select Topic approved for core requirement.

EES 485. Environmental Science Capstone. (2).

This course introduces students to the professional skills and practices required in the environmental field. Includes introduction to GIS (Geographic Information Systems), literature searches, written and oral presentation of work. Prerequisite: senior standing.

EES 490. Independent Study. (1-4).

EES 492. Internship. (1-4).

EES 496. Directed Research. (4.00).