

EARTH SCIENCE AND POLICY, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GEOSC 1 or 20	3 MATH 111, 141, or 141G	4
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MATH 83, 110, 140, or 140G (GQ) ^{*‡}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 111 (GN) [†]	1 CHEM 113	1
EMSC 100S (GWS) ^{‡††}	3 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [†]	3
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS 211 or 250 (GN) [†]	4 STAT 200 (GQ) ^{‡†}	4
ECON 102 (GS) [†]	3 GEOG 126 or 326 (GS) [†]	3
BIOL 110 (GN) [†]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
PHIL 118, 133N, or METEO 133N (GH) [†]	3 CED 201 or EBF 200	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 EARTH 400	3
GEOG 364	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
CAS 100 or ENGL 202C ^{‡†}	3 Option elective	3

EARTH 402 [*]	3 General education- Knowledge domain	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

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EARTH 495	3 Option elective	3
EBF 472, STAT 401, GEOSC 210, or EME 210 [*]	3 Option elective	3
GEOSC 450 [*]	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
General education- Knowledge domain	3 General Education- Knowledge domain	3
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Select 3 credits from: EARTH 2 GN(3), EARTH 100 GN(3), EARTH 111 GN;US(3), EGEE 101 GN(3), GEOG 10 GN (3), GEOG 30N GN/GS(3), GEOG 160 GS(3), METEO 3 GN(3), METEO 4 GN(3), SOILS 101 GN(3)

Select 12 credits from: ERM 300(3), EGEE 302(3), EGEE 412(3), FOR 455(3), FOR 470(3), GEOG 310(3), GEOG 363(3), GEOG 412(3), GEOSC 320(3), GEOSC 340(3), GEOSC 402Y IL(3), GEOSC 409W(3), GEOSC 413W(3), GEOSC 451(3), GEOSC 452(3), GEOSC 454(3), GEOSC 483(3), METEO 466(3), SOILS 415(3), SOILS 422(3), SOILS 450(3)

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Select 12 credits from: ERM 300(3), FOR 455(3), FOR 470(3), GEOG 363(3), GEOSC 340(3), GEOSC 402Y IL(3), GEOSC 409W(3), GEOSC 413W(3), GEOSC 452(3), GEOSC 483(3), SOILS 415(3), SOILS 422(3), SOILS 450(3)

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MATH 83, 110, 140, or 140G (GQ) ^{*†}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 111 (GN) [†]	1 CHEM 113	1
EMSC 100S (GWS) ^{††1}	3 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [†]	3
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS 211 or 250 (GN) [†]	4 STAT 200 (GQ) ^{††}	4
ECON 102 (GS) [†]	3 GEOG 126 or 326 (GS) [†]	3
BIOL 110 (GN) [†]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
PHIL 118, 133N, or METEO 133N (GH) [†]	3 CED 201 or EBF 200	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	15.5	15.5

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Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 EARTH 400	3
GEOG 364	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
CAS 100 or ENGL 202C ^{††}	3 Option elective	3
EARTH 402 [*]	3 General education- Knowledge domain	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EARTH 495	3 Option elective	3
EBF 472, STAT 401, GEOSC 210, or EME 210 [*]	3 Option elective	3
GEOSC 450 [*]	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
General education- Knowledge domain	3 General Education- Knowledge domain	3
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Select 12 credits from: GEOG 310(3), GEOG 412(3), GEOSC 320(3), GEOSC/METEO 475(3), METEO 201(3), METEO 466(3)

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6 to 9 credits from: CED 230(3), CED 410(3), EMSC/STS/SOC 420(3), GEOG 430(3), GEOG 434(3), GEOG 438W(3), PLSC/STS 460(3), STS 201(3)

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MATH 83, 110, 140, or 140G (GQ) ^{*†}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 111 (GN) [†]	1 CHEM 113	1
EMSC 100S (GWS) ^{††1}	3 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [†]	3
	14	14

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PHYS 211 or 250 (GN) [†]	4 STAT 200 (GQ) ^{††}	4
ECON 102 (GS) [†]	3 GEOG 126 or 326 (GS) [†]	3
BIOL 110 (GN) [†]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
PHIL 118, 133N, or METEO 133N (GH) [†]	3 CED 201 or EBF 200	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	15.5	15.5

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GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 EARTH 400	3
GEOG 364	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
CAS 100 or ENGL 202C ^{††}	3 Option elective	3
EARTH 402 [*]	3 General education- Knowledge domain	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

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EARTH 495	3 Option elective	3
EBF 472, STAT 401, GEOSC 210, or EME 210 [*]	3 Option elective	3
GEOSC 450 [*]	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
General education- Knowledge domain	3 General Education- Knowledge domain	3
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Select 9 credits from: EGEE 302(3), EGEE 401(3), EGEE 412(3), GEOSC 451(3), GEOSC 454(3), GEOSC 483(3)

Select 3 credits from: EBF 484(3), GEOG 424 US;IL(3)

Select 12 credits from: CED 230(3), CED 410(3), EMSC/STS/SOC 420(3), GEOG 430(3), GEOG 434(3), GEOG 438W(3), GEOG 439(3), PLSC/ STS 460(3), STS 201 GN(3)

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MATH 110, 83, or 140 (GQ) ^{*††}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 110 (GN) [†]	3 CHEM 113	1
CHEM 111 [†]	1 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	General Education- Knowledge Domain	3
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CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{†1}	3 ENGL 202C ^{†1}	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
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GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
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Select a total of 12 credits from the following:

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6 to 9 credits from: CED 309(3), CED 409(3), CED 410(3), GEOG 430(3), GEOG 431(3), GEOG 434(3), GEOG 439(3), PLSC/STS 460(3), PUBPL 481(3)

Climate Change Option: Earth Science and Policy, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 MATH 111 or 141	4
ECON 102 [†]	3 Elective (2 cr needed if schedule MATH 111)	0
MATH 110, 83, or 140 (GQ) ^{*††}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 110 (GN) [†]	3 CHEM 113	1
CHEM 111 [†]	1 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	General Education- Knowledge Domain	3
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS 211 or 250 (GN) [†]	4 GEOSC 1 or 20	3
BIOL 110 (GN) [†]	4 STAT 200 (GQ) ^{††}	4
GEOG 126 (GS) [†]	3 PHIL 118, 133N, or METEO 133N (GH) [†]	3
CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{†1}	3 ENGL 202C ^{††1}	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	15.5	14.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EARTH 402 [*]	3 EARTH 400	3
GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
GEOG 364	3 Option elective [*]	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
CED 201 or EBF 200	3 Option elective	3
	16	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EARTH 495	3 Option elective	3
EBF 472, STAT 401, or GEOSC 210 [*]	3 Option elective	3
GEOSC 450 [*]	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
General education- Knowledge domain	3 General Education- Knowledge domain	3
	15	15

Total Credits 120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

¹ Students who begin their studies at non-UP locations and/or join the college after their first year should substitute CAS 100 (GWS), CAS 100A (GWS), CAS 100B (GWS), CAS 100C (GWS) or ENGL 202C (GWS) for EMSC 100S (GWS). EMSC 100S Earth and Mineral Sciences First year Seminar (3) is a required course only for students who begin their studies at UP in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

Advising notes:

Climate Change Option electives (27 credits): Must include one writing across the curriculum course

Select 3 credits from: EARTH 2 GN(3), GEOG 110 GN(3), METEO 3 GN(3), METEO 4 GN(3)

Select 12 credits from: GEOG 310(3), GEOG 412(3), GEOSC 320(3), GEOSC/METEO 475(3), METEO 201(3), METEO 466(3)

Select a total of 12 credits from the following:

3 to 6 credits from: CED 429(3), CED 431(3), ECON 302(3)

6 to 9 credits from: CED 230(3), CED 410(3), EMSC/STS/SOC 420(3), GEOG 430(3), GEOG 434(3), GEOG 438W(3), PLSC/STS 460(3), STS 201(3)

Energy Option: Earth Science and Policy, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) [‡]	3 MATH 111 or 141	4
ECON 102 [†]	3 Elective (2 cr needed if schedule MATH 111)	0
MATH 110, 83, or 140 (GQ) ^{*††}	4 CHEM 112	3
CHEM 110 (GN) [†]	3 CHEM 113	1
CHEM 111 [†]	1 PLSC 1 (GS) [†]	3
	General Education- Knowledge Domain	3
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS 211 or 250 (GN) [†]	4 GEOSC 1 or 20	3
BIOL 110 (GN) [†]	4 STAT 200 (GQ) ^{††}	4
GEOG 126 (GS) [†]	3 PHIL 118, 133N, or METEO 133N (GH) [†]	3
CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{†1}	3 ENGL 202C ^{††1}	3
General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education- Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	15.5	14.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EARTH 402 [*]	3 EARTH 400	3
GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4 GEOSC 201, 202, 203, or 204 [*]	4
GEOG 364	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
CED 201 or EBF 200	3 Option elective	3
	16	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EARTH 495	3 Option elective	3
EBF 472, STAT 401, or GEOSC 210 [*]	3 Option elective	3
GEOSC 450 [*]	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 Option elective	3
Option elective	3 General Education- Knowledge domain	3

General education- Knowledge domain	3	
	18	15

Total Credits 123

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- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
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Advising notes:

Energy Option electives (27 credits): Must include one writing across the curriculum course

Select 3 credits from: EARTH 100 GN(3), EGEE 101 GN(3), EGEE 102 GN(3)

Select 9 credits from: EGEE 302(3), EGEE 401(3), EGEE 412(3), GEOSC 451(3), GEOSC 454(3), GEOSC 483(3)

Select 3 credits from: EBF 484(3), GEOG 424 US;IL(3)

Select 12 credits from: CED 230(3), CED 410(3), EMSC/STS/SOC 420(3), GEOG 430(3), GEOG 434(3), GEOG 438W(3), GEOG 439(3), PLSC/ STS 460(3), STS 201 GN(3)