

GEOLOGY - B.S.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Earth Sciences
www.kent.edu/earth-sciences

Examples of Possible Careers*

Geological and hydrologic technicians

- 5.5% faster than the average
- 19,000 number of jobs
- \$50,630 potential earnings

Geoscientists, except hydrologists and geographers

- 4.9% about as fast as the average
- 31,800 number of jobs
- \$93,580 potential earnings

Hydrologists

- 5.3% faster than the average
- 7,000 number of jobs
- \$84,040 potential earnings

Contact Information

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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Geology is designed for those interested in a professional career in the field. The curriculum focuses on minerals, rocks, landforms, fossils, structural geology, geochemistry and field mapping, among others. Supplemental courses include introductory chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics. Students are also encouraged to specialize in an applied or theoretical area of the science.

The program features a capstone summer field course in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Geology students may apply early to the M.S. degree in Geology and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree

programs. See the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program policy in the University Catalog for more information.

The Geology major includes the following optional concentration:

- The **Environmental Geology** optional concentration provides students with specialized training for careers in the well-established and growing field of environmental geology, including water resources, resource management and energy resources. The concentration's curriculum focuses on hydrology, hydrogeology and environmental monitoring techniques.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campus to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand and communicate to others on the nature of scientific investigation and evidence.
2. Understand and communication to others on the complex interrelationships of the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and the lithosphere through geologic time.
3. Understand Earth materials and interpret geologic and environmental processes.
4. Synthesize geologic information to understand and solve geologic and environmental problems.
5. Demonstrate critical thinking skills.

6. Develop the skills to work as a geologist in the field and in the laboratory.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BSCI 10002 or BSCI 10110	LIFE ON PLANET EARTH (KBS) BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	3-4
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 11040	HOW THE EARTH WORKS (KBS)	3
ESCI 11041	HOW THE EARTH WORKS LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 11042	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME (KBS)	3
ESCI 11043	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 22000	DEGREE AND CAREER PATHS IN EARTH SCIENCES (ELR)	1
ESCI 23063	EARTH MATERIALS I	4
ESCI 31070	EARTH MATERIALS II (WIC)	4

ESCI 31080	STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY	4
ESCI 34061	PRINCIPLES OF PALEONTOLOGY	4
ESCI 41092	SUMMER FIELD CAMP (ELR)	6
ESCI 42035	DATA ANALYSIS IN THE EARTH SCIENCES	3
or MATH 30011	BASIC PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
ESCI 44070	SEDIMENTOLOGY AND STRATIGRAPHY	4
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1

Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)	8
Kent Core Composition	6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)	13-14

Additional Requirements or Concentration		
Choose from the following:	20-21	
Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration		
Environmental Geology Concentration		

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
Earth Sciences (ESCI) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ¹		15-16
Science Electives, choose from the following: ²		4-5
CHEM 10061 & CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS) and GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	
GEOG 49070	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE	
PHY 13002 & PHY 13022	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS) and GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB)	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 20

¹ The following courses may **not** count toward the elective requirement: ESCI 41073 and ESCI 41077.

² Students who intend to pursue graduate studies in geology are recommended to complete both science lectures and labs courses: CHEM 10061, CHEM 10063, PHY 13002, PHY 13022.

Environmental Geology Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 32066	GEOMORPHOLOGY	4
ESCI 40380	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	3

or ESCI 43040	PRINCIPLES OF GEOCHEMISTRY	
or ESCI 43042	ENVIRONMENTAL GEOCHEMISTRY	
Environmental Geology Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
ESCI 40380	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	
ESCI 42030	REMOTE SENSING	
ESCI 42065	WATERSHED HYDROLOGY	
ESCI 42066	PHYSICAL HYDROGEOLOGY	
ESCI 42068	CONTAMINANT HYDROLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY	
ESCI 43040	PRINCIPLES OF GEOCHEMISTRY	
ESCI 43042	ENVIRONMENTAL GEOCHEMISTRY	
ESCI 43043	ENVIRONMENTAL MINERALOGY	
ESCI 43044	ENVIRONMENTAL ISOTOPES	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 21

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Roadmaps

- Geology Major (no concentration)
- Environmental Geology Concentration

Geology Major (no concentration)

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
ESCI 11040	HOW THE EARTH WORKS (KBS)	3
ESCI 11041	HOW THE EARTH WORKS LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Two		Credits
BSCI 10002	LIFE ON PLANET EARTH (KBS)	3
or BSCI 10110	or BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	
ESCI 11042	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME (KBS)	3
ESCI 11043	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14

Semester Three		Credits
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 22000	DEGREE AND CAREER PATHS IN EARTH SCIENCES (ELR)	1
ESCI 23063	EARTH MATERIALS I	4
Kent Core Requirement		3

Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	16

Semester Four		Credits
ESCI 31070	EARTH MATERIALS II (WIC)	4
ESCI 31080	STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY	4
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Credit Hours		13

Semester Five		Credits
ESCI 34061	PRINCIPLES OF PALEONTOLOGY	4
ESCI 42035	DATA ANALYSIS IN THE EARTH SCIENCES	3
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Six		Credits
Science Electives		4-5
Earth Sciences (ESCI) Upper-Division (30000 or 40000 level) Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Electives		4
Credit Hours		15

Third Summer Term		Credits
ESCI 41092	SUMMER FIELD CAMP (ELR)	6
Credit Hours		6

Semester Seven		Credits
Earth Sciences (ESCI) Upper-Division (30000 or 40000 level) Electives		6
General Electives		8
Credit Hours		14

Semester Eight		Credits
ESCI 44070	SEDIMENTOLOGY AND STRATIGRAPHY	4
Earth Sciences (ESCI) Upper-Division (30000 or 40000 level) Electives		6
General Elective		2
Credit Hours		12

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

Environmental Geology Concentration

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Semester One		Credits
ESCI 11040	HOW THE EARTH WORKS (KBS)	3
ESCI 11041	HOW THE EARTH WORKS LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Two		Credits
BSCI 10002	LIFE ON PLANET EARTH (KBS)	3-4
or BSCI 10110	or BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (ELR) (KBS) (KLAB)	
ESCI 11042	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME (KBS)	3

ESCI 11043	EARTH AND LIFE THROUGH TIME LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Three		
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 22000	DEGREE AND CAREER PATHS IN EARTH SCIENCES (ELR)	1
ESCI 23063	EARTH MATERIALS I	4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Four		
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
ESCI 31070	EARTH MATERIALS II (WIC)	4
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
ESCI 32066	GEOMORPHOLOGY	4
ESCI 34061	PRINCIPLES OF PALEONTOLOGY	4
ESCI 42035	DATA ANALYSIS IN THE EARTH SCIENCES	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Six		
ESCI 31080	STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY	4
ESCI 40380	BIOGEOCHEMISTRY	3
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Third Summer Term		
ESCI 41092	SUMMER FIELD CAMP (ELR)	6
Credit Hours		6
Semester Seven		
Environmental Geology Concentration Electives		6
General Electives		7
Credit Hours		13
Semester Eight		
ESCI 44070	SEDIMENTOLOGY AND STRATIGRAPHY	4
Environmental Geology Concentration Electives		3-4
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		13
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120