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WINTER SESSION ENTERED HONS SPECIALIZATION: _____

Honours Specialization [0462]: Geological Sciences

Session 2025W - COURSE TEMPLATE: minimum 132 credits

A student wishing to enter the Geological Sciences Honours specialization must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 27 credits in each Winter Session starting with Year 1 [Honours candidates who register for courses in only one term of Winter Session are required to meet the standards above on at least 12 academic credits. In their last Winter Session honours students may attempt fewer than 27 credits if all academic degree requirements are completed during this last session.]
- Maintain an average of at least 68%, and have no “F”s

An application to enter the Geological Sciences Honours specialization is normally made at the end of 2nd year, although the requirements for the Honours degree must have already been met in Years 1 and 2. In order to be admitted into the Geological Sciences Honours specialization, students are required to seek an appointment with the Honours Geological Sciences advisor during 2nd year to help plan their degree and review their eligibility. Admittance is based on the recommendation of the Honours advisor and the approval of the department. It is normally granted by the Faculty of Science after completion of year 2.

Important caveats

- Students are responsible for checking that you meet all requirements laid out by the Faculty of Science as noted in the UBC Calendar (reproduced at the end of this template). The following Template is intended only as a guide.
- Graduation requirements laid out in the UBC Calendar are specific for the Winter Session in which you first registered in the Honours specialization.
- Be aware of course co-requisites and pre-requisites, and ask for advice if you do not have a pre-requisite.
- Be aware of the Credit Exclusion Lists in the Faculty of Science section of the UBC Calendar as you chose your courses.
- Take note of the promotion requirements to years 2, 3, and 4 as listed in the UBC Calendar. These requirements and your academic standing (average grade) control your registration date.
- For EGBC requirements to become a PROFESSIONAL REGISTERED GEOLOGIST, refer to <http://www.egbc.ca> for additional required course content.

NOTE: Please use **black** pen for courses completed, **red** for courses that you are currently enrolled in, and **blue** for course you are planning to take in future years

I. FIRST YEAR

REQUIRED COURSES (30-33 CREDITS)

COURSES	COURSES TAKEN	CREDIT
SCIE_V 113 and Additional Communication Requirement* ¹		/6
EOSC_V 110 (recommended) (or 112 or 114 or 116) and EOSC_V 111		/4
CHEM_V * ² 121 (or 111 or 141) and 123		/8
MATH_V 100 or 102 or 104* ³		/3
MATH_V 101 or 103 or 105* ⁴		/3
PHYS_V * ⁵ 117 (or 101 or 106 or 107 or 131) and 118 (or 108)		/6(3)
ELECTIVE * ⁶		/3
TOTAL		/33(30)

*¹ For full list of acceptable courses, see [Communication Requirement](#) in the UBC Calendar. Note that Communication courses cannot be used towards the 12-credit Arts Requirement.

*² Students who do not have B.C. High School Chemistry 12 (or its equivalent) must write the UBC Chemistry Basic Skills Test and may be required to take CHEM_V 100. CHEM_V 110 and 115 may substitute for CHEM_V 111, CHEM_V 120, and 115 may substitute for CHEM_V 121, CHEM_V 130 and 135 may substitute for CHEM_V 123.

*³ MATH_V 180 or 184 or 120 may be substituted for any of the specified differential calculus courses listed and the elective credits decreased by 1. MATH_V 110 may be substituted for any of the specified differential calculus courses listed and the elective credits decreased by 3.

*⁴ MATH_V 121 may be substituted for any of the specified integral calculus courses listed and the elective credits decreased by 1.

*⁵ Students without credit for Physics 12 must take PHYS_V 100 prior to any other 100-level PHYS_V courses. PHYS_V 100 will count as an elective. Qualified students are encouraged to take PHYS_V 106/108. Students may delay taking 3 credits of PHYS_V 100-level to second year.

*⁶ Students without Biology 11 or 12 must take 3 credits of 100-level BIOL_V (usually BIOL_V 111). Elective credits together with required courses must fulfill the Faculty of Science's:

- [Foundational Requirement](#);
- [Laboratory Science Requirement](#);
- [Science Breadth Requirement](#);
- [Science and Arts Requirements](#);
- [Upper-level Requirement](#);
- [General Degree Requirements](#).

II. BEYOND FIRST YEAR

REQUIRED SCIENCE COURSES (9-12 CREDITS)

COURSES	CREDIT
CHEM_V 205	/3
MATH_V 200	/3
MATH_V 221 or STATS_V 200	/3
± PHYS_V * ⁵ 117 (or 101 or 106 or 107 or 131) or 118 (or 108)	/(3)
TOTAL	/9(12)

REQUIRED EOSC COURSES IN GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS (63 CREDITS)

COURSES	CREDIT
EOSC_V 211 or GEOB_V 270	/3
EOSC_V 212	/3
EOSC_V 220	/3
EOSC_V 221	/3
EOSC_V 222	/3
EOSC_V 223	/3
EOSC_V 320	/3
EOSC_V 321	/3
EOSC_V 322	/3
EOSC_V 323	/3
EOSC_V 333	/3
EOSC_V 325	/3
EOSC_V 328	/3
EOSC_V 330	/3
EOSC_V 332	/3
EOSC_V 449	/6
EOSC_V 350 (recommended) or 250	/3
EOSC_V 300-LEVEL ^{*7} (counts toward total elective credits)	/3
EOSC_V 400-LEVEL ^{*8} (counts toward total elective credits)	/6
TOTAL	/63

^{*7} Includes EOSC_V courses numbered 320 to 349, except for EOSC_V 340 and those courses designated "Not for credit for students in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences specializations".

^{*8} Includes EOSC_V courses numbered 420 to 425 and 428 to 432. Does not include Directed Studies (EOSC_V 448), which can be taken as an elective (see below)

ARTS ELECTIVES^{*9} (MINIMUM 12 CREDITS)

COURSES	CREDIT
	/3
	/3
	/3
	/3
TOTAL	/12()

^{*9} Includes:

- Faculty of Arts courses offered by GEOG department (see UBC Calendar); and
- Most other courses offered by Faculty of Arts.

OTHER ELECTIVES*¹⁰ (MINIMUM 15 CREDITS)

COURSES	CREDIT
	/3
	/3
	/3
	/3
	/3
TOTAL	/15()

*¹⁰ Includes:

- Faculty of Science (including EOSC_V) courses that are offered for credit to Science students;
- Faculty of Arts courses; and most courses in “Other” faculties at UBC and transferring institutions.
- *A maximum of 24 credits not in the faculties of Science or Arts may be used towards the Honours Geological Sciences degree, but only 6 credits will count towards the minimum upper-level (300-level+) requirement.*
- May include a maximum of 6 credits for almost any other course(s) from UBC or a transferring institution, except for courses designated “Not for credit for Geological Sciences or Science students”.
- Check with an advisor about the admissibility of “Other” electives, as there are some additional restrictions.
- DIRECTED STUDIES (EOSC_V 448) may be taken as an elective, but must be approved by the EOAS departmental Geol. Hons advisor. We would prefer a maximum of 6 credits in your Hons degree taken as 2 x 3-credit courses.
- All B.Sc. students are required to have reasonable breadth in their understanding of science. Students in the honours specialization must successfully complete at least 3 credits from any 6 of the 7 following categories:
 - Mathematics: All MATH_V courses, except MATH_V 302.
 - Chemistry: All CHEM_V courses, except CHEM_V 100, CHEM_V 300.
 - Physics: All PHYS_V courses, except PHYS_V 100.
 - Life Science: All BIOL_V courses except BIOL_V 140, BIOL_V 300; all BIOC_V, PSYC_V (courses numbered from 60 to 89 in the last 2 digits), and MICB_V courses and GEOS_V (or GEOB_V) 207.
 - Statistics: BIOL_V 300, DSCI_V 100, MATH_V 302, all STAT_V courses.
 - Computer Science: All CPSC_V courses.
 - Earth & Planetary Science: All ASTR_V, ATSC_V, ENVR_V, EOSC_V, GEOS_V or GEOB_V courses except EOSC_V 111 and GEOS_V (or GEOB_V) 207.

[Students in a combined major or combined honours specialization must successfully complete at least 3 credits from any 5 of the 7 categories]. These courses can be at any level. Students must satisfy at least all but one of the required categories before they can be promoted to fourth year. Note that STAT_V 200 satisfies both the Breadth requirement and the Required Science Courses Beyond First Year.

Students who fail to satisfy at least all but one of the required categories before 108 attempted credits will be required to withdraw from the Faculty of Science.

IMPORTANT

Your degree specialization must meet the following Faculty of Science and departmental requirements:

CREDIT CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CREDITS	YOUR TOTAL CREDITS
Minimum Total Science credits	72 minimum	
of which 300-level +	42 minimum	
Minimum Total Arts credits	12 minimum	
Communication Requirement	6	
Total elective credits	39 minimum	
Maximum total credits not in Science or Arts (optional)	24 maximum	
Total credits	132 minimum	
of which 300-level +	48 minimum (6 maximum from outside Science or Arts)	

Appendix 1 - UBC Calendar 2025W (UBC's official degree requirements)

Honours (0462): Geological Sciences

First Year	
Communication Requirement ¹	6
CHEM 121 (or 111), 123 (or 113) ²	8
EOSC 110 or 112 or 114 or 116	3
EOSC 111	1
MATH 100 or 102 or 104 ³	3
MATH 101 or 103 or 105 ⁴	3
PHYS 117 (or 101 or 106 or 107 or 131) ⁵	3
PHYS 118 (or 108) ⁵	3
Elective ⁶	3
Total Credits	33
Second Year	
CHEM 205	3
EOSC 211 or GEOS (or GEOB) 270	3
EOSC 212, 220, 221, 222, 223 ⁷	15
MATH 200	3
MATH 221 or STAT 200	3
Electives ⁶	9
Total Credits	36
Third and Fourth Years	
EOSC 320, 321, 322	9
EOSC 333	3
EOSC 323, 325, 328 ⁸	9
EOSC 330, 332, 449	12
EOSC 250 or 350	3
Additional EOSC 300-level	3
Additional EOSC 400-level	6
Electives ⁶	18
Total Credits	63
<i>Total Credits for Degree</i>	132

¹ A total of 6 credits of coursework is required to meet the Communication Requirement. ENGL 112 is recommended. For a full list of acceptable courses, see [Communication Requirement](#).

² Students who do not have B.C. High School Chemistry 12 (or its equivalent) must write the UBC Chemistry Basic Skills Test and may be required to take CHEM 100. CHEM 110 and 115 may substitute for CHEM 111, CHEM 120 and 115 may substitute for CHEM 121, CHEM 130 and 135 may substitute for CHEM 123.

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⁶ Elective credits together with required courses must fulfill the Faculty of Science's:

a) Foundational Requirement; b) Laboratory Science Requirement; c) Science Breadth Requirement; d) Science and Arts Requirements; e) Upper-level Requirement; f) General Degree Requirements.

⁷ Includes a field school in May of second year (extra fee to be paid).

⁸ Field School in May after third year (extra fee to be paid).

Appendix 2 - UBC Calendar 2025W (UBC's official degree requirements)

Summary of Minimum Program Requirements

	Honours or Combined Honours	Honours+Minor in Science
Minimum Total Credits	132	132
of which courses 300+	48	60
Minimum Total Science Credits	72	72
of which courses 300+	42	54
Minimum Total Arts Credits*	12	12
Max. credits not in Science or Arts (optional)	24	24

*excluding the 6 Arts credits used to satisfy the Communication Requirement

Promotion Requirements for students in the Honours Specialization [0462]: Geological Sciences

Promotion to Third Year

Promotion to 3rd year class standing requires successful completion of 48 or more credits. Of these, at least 30 credits must be science credits, of which 15 must be second year or above (200 - 400 level). **The Honours: Geological Sciences specialization also requires that any three of EOSC 220, EOSC 221, EOSC 222, or EOSC 223 must have been passed for promotion to third year.**

Promotion to Fourth Year

Promotion to 4th-year class standing requires successful completion of a total of 72 or more credits, including:

1. At least 21 upper-level (300 or 400 level) credits;
2. At least 50 science credits, of which 15 must be upper-level (300 or 400 level) science credits;
3. The [Laboratory Science Requirement](#);
4. The [Communication Requirement](#).

Promotion to fourth year also requires **all courses specified in the first and second years by the specialization (but not all general electives)**. **The Honours: Geological Sciences specialization does not require any specific courses for promotion to fourth year.** In exceptional circumstances, a student who does not meet the promotion requirements may be removed from the specialization..