COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

• As majors in Geology, you should take the honors courses GEOL 1107 Honors Dynamic Earth and GEOL 1117 Honors Earth and Life Through Time.

SOPHOMORE

• Be sure to take GEOL 2000 Professional Development.
• Be sure to take GEOL 2010 Mineralogy and Optical Crystallography as this is a key requisite for higher level courses.
• Begin scouting out for Geology Elective classes (Groups A and B).

JUNIOR

• Purchase field & camping gear and get into shape for summer field camp (GEOL 3650)!!
• Work on your ePortfolio in the fall and take Senior Seminar (GEOL 4740) in the Spring.

SENIOR

• Meet with your Geology faculty advisor. Get to know other faculty members as well.
• Toward the end of the year, talk with your faculty advisor about areas of geology that interest you and possible Directed Study classes for next year.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

• Consider attending a regional meeting such as the SouthEastern Geological Society of America (SEGSA).
• Think about your out-of-class experiences and course-based research as components of the ePortfolio you will be putting together.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

• Go to the Dept. colloquium when possible. Spend some time reading online and on the Department’s Web site to see what is going on in the discipline and in the Department.
• Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.

• Look to attend SEGSA with the possibility of National Geological Society of America (GSA).
• Attend an Alabama Geological Society (AGS) field trip, and look into other professional geology organizations.

GET INVOLVED

• Join the Geoclub and attend their meetings, events, and field trips.
• Spend time in the student lounge areas within the Department.

• Consider Study Abroad opportunities, SGE, and/or get involved in an undergraduate research project.
• Mentor students who are now entering our program, they look up to seniors.

• Write article about research for AU Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship (AUJUS).
• Consider attending a regional meeting such as the SouthEastern Geological Society of America (SEGSA).

• Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.

Career Planning

University Career Center
303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu
Candidates entering into the field should know that there is field-work component associated with most positions. Geologists serve in key roles associated with environmental impact and natural resources protection & management. Candidates will find employment in government and business organizations with interests in these areas.

Geoscientist
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $37.0K - $65.1K

Hydrologist
Minimum Education: B.S./M.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $50.0K - $78.3K

Geological & Petroleum Technician
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $34.0K - $58.8K

These are just three options out of many that geology majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.