# **Geological Sciences**

What is Geological Sciences? Geoscientists interpret our natural world. We use geophysics, geochemistry, geobiology, and field geology to understand the modern and ancient Earth. Rocks, minerals, fluids, fossils, mountains, sediments, glaciers, and volcanoes are all fundamental to constraining Earth processes at all scales. Managing water, mineral, and energy resources, designing sustainable strategies for infrastructure and industrial growth, and solving natural and anthropogenic hazards, including climate change, depend on a deep understanding of geological processes.



Most students in the department gain nearly 400 hours of hands-on experience on field trips.

2 We are a small, friendly department. You will get to know your classmates and professors very well.

The department boasts state-ofthe-art facilities, including worldclass Geochemistry and Applied Geophysics Labs.

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The Miller Museum, our on-site museum right here at Queen's, is your classroom.

Our students have the
 opportunity to study abroad
 with the International Exchange
 Program.

#### Alumni Story

"I can honestly say that the choice to study Geology at Queen's was the single best decision I have ever made. The department provided all the knowledge, opportunities, and support to develop a successful career in the geosciences along with relationships to friends and mentors that will last a lifetime."

-Jonathan Savard, BSc'16

## TOP ALUMNI JOBS

21% of alumni work in ENERGY

16% of alumni work in MINING

15% of alumni work in EDUCATION of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

#### 2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the <u>Experiential</u> <u>Learning website</u>. You can also reach out to the team directly at <u>asc.el@queensu.ca</u>. add a CERTIFICATE

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Global Action and Engagement

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Media Studies

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### Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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# **Geological Sciences** MAJOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR, SPECIALIZATION

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR		4TH OR F
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you will have the chance to explore Geology by taking (GEOL 104, GEOL 107). The foundations will include biology, chemistry, geography, and geology along with some electives. Attend <u>Majors Night</u> in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take <u>ASCX 150</u> and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Geology by taking (GEOL 221, GEOL 232, GEOL 235, GEOL 238 & GEOL 249). Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit <u>SASS (Student Academic</u> <u>Support Services</u> ) and the Writing Centre for some help. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the <u>Dean's Changemaker</u> <u>Challenge</u> (ASCX 200/300).	A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Geology. Meet with an <u>Academic Advisor</u> to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.	ERNSHIP	In fourth year yo participate in res can lead to <u>Grad</u> career path. Mak courses for your minor and/or cer Interested in wo problem with an and develop you management ski
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's University Experimental Sustainability Team (QUEST) and the Queen's Project on International Development (QPID). See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.	Look into <u>summer jobs</u> by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or <u>NSERC</u> . Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurricular activities. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the <u>Queen's Innovation Connector Summer</u> <u>Initiative (QICSI)</u> .	Stay during the summer as an assistant to a faculty member or apply for an external summer research opportunity. Consider applying to do a 12-16 month <u>QUIP</u> internship between your third and fourth year.	H QUIP INT	Investigate requ or other opportu interest. Assess what exp and fill in gaps w internships – cho skills <u>workshop</u>
GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as the <u>Miller</u> <u>Club</u> and <u>Miller Museum</u> .	Get involved with the <u>Miller Club</u> and <u>Miller</u> <u>Museum</u> . Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as <u>Society of Economic Geologists</u> , <u>Engineers Without Borders</u> , or <u>Women in</u> <u>Science and Engineering</u> .	Get connected with GARNET- <u>Geo Alumni</u> Resource Network. If interested, attend PDAC- Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, Oil and Gas Speakers Series, and the Annual Advances in Earth Sciences Research Conference. Investigate the Professional <u>Geoscientists of Ontario</u> for the requirements to be qualified as a professional Geoscientist.	12-16 MONT	Consider joining such as the Geo <u>Canada</u> , the Can <u>Geologists</u> , the I <u>Hydrogeologists</u> <u>Water Association</u> Join groups on L careers or topics
GET THINKING GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking <u>QUIC's Intercultural</u> <u>Competency Certificate</u> , and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to <u>study abroad</u> . Apply in January for a third year exchange through <u>the International Programs Office.</u>	Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.	CONSIDER A	International stu in Canada can sp <u>Student Advisor</u> .
GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	Grappling with program decisions? Contact the Chair of Undergraduate studies in the Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering. Get some help <u>wondering about career options</u> from Career Services.	Explore different careers of interest by accessing resources in the Career Services <u>Career Advising</u> and <u>Resource Area</u> . For more information check out <u>Career Cruising</u> or by finding and connecting with alumni on <u>LinkedIn</u> .	Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get <u>help thinking about Grad School</u> from Career Services.		Apply to jobs or plans for other a from Career Ser <u>resumes, intervi</u> applications, or

#### How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the <u>My Major Map</u> tool.



#### FINAL YEAR

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#### What will I learn?

A degree in Geology can equip you with:

- Knowledge of principles and techniques of the earth sciences
- Practical applications of geological science techniques
- Understanding of the variability of Earth materials and their changes with time and environment.
- Fieldwork skills to design and carry out site investigations to solve problems
- Technical skills to use up-todate geological analysis tools, equipment, and software
- Research skills to conduct scientific research and analyze quantitative information, develop multiple working hypotheses
- Problem solving to approach a range of problems from various perspectives
- Ability to work independently and in teams on projects.
- •Oral and written communication to clearly explain technical information and write reports

#### Where can I go?

A degree in Geological Science can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academics with a master's or connect with GARNET to network with alumni. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Ecology
- Environmental Geology
- Geological Hazards
- Geomatics
- Geomorphology
- Geophysics
- Geoscience
- Hydrology
- Museum Curation
- Nature ResourcesPaleontology
- Paleontology
   Renewable Energy
- Resource Policy Analyst
- Toxicology
- Volcanology

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

#### Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the <u>Student Affairs</u> website for available resources.



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#### QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW	Graduate with a "Professional In Learn about current advances, p technologies in business and in Test drive a career, earn a compo and get real world experience.	practices and dustry.			
ELIGIBILITY	<ul><li> 2nd or 3rd Year Students</li><li> Minimum GPA of 1.9</li></ul>				
<ul> <li>Gain a year of career-related work experience.</li> <li>Build network connections.</li> <li>Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.</li> </ul>					
SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS					

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Mathematician

Intern

### Why study in Kingston?

Biochemistry

Intern

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds -Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the h h Nere closer than you think GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America - vou will have the London / 7 hrs CANADA **Oueen's** experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs Calgary / 4 hrs and graduate Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree Halifax / 2 hrs that is globally San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston Toronte recognized Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs