

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: GEOLOGY B.A.

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Geology

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Get to know your faculty. Talk with them about research opportunities.	GLY 110 The Face of the Earth with Laboratory	4	GLY 220 History of the Earth
Explore minors in geography, anthropology, physics, chemistry or other areas.	Gen Ed: Communication; Written I	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral	3
	Gen Ed	3	Gen Ed	3
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Join the Geology club.	Minor	3	Minor	3
	TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Explore study abroad opportunities.	GLY 100- 200-level elective	3	GLY 100- 200-level elective	3
Engage in research with faculty.	Elective	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics	3
	Gen Ed	3	Minor	3
Attend Career Services workshops to learn how to build your resume.	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II	3	Minor 300 level or above	3
	Minor	3	Gen Ed	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Take a leadership role in the Geology club.	GLY 340 Introduction to Environmental Geoscience	3	GLY elective 300 level or above	4
Explore internship options for next year.	Required GLY course (as offered)	3-4	Minor elective 300 level or above	3
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Consider GLY 416 Geologic Field Methods, taught during summer, as a 300-level or above geology elective.	Elective	3	Elective 300 level or above	3
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	TOTAL	15-16	TOTAL	13-14
FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
If you're considering graduate school, take the GRE.	Required GLY course (as offered)	3-4	GLY elective 300 level or above (as offered)	3-4
Develop your resume.	GLY elective 300 level or above	3	GLY elective 300 level or above	4
	Elective 300 level or above	3	Elective 300 level or above	3
Begin your job search.	Elective 300 level or above	3	Elective 300 level or above	3
	GLY 394 Seminar: Geology	1	GLY 394 Seminar: Geology	1
	TOTAL	13-14	TOTAL	14-15
GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS				116-120*

Notes:

*NKU requires a minimum of 120 semester hours to graduate with a bachelor's degree, so an additional elective course may be needed to reach this minimum.

This plan is ONE way in which you can complete your degree program in four years; it is not the only way. It assumes that you do not have to take any developmental courses (courses numbered below 100). It also assumes that you are not a transfer student, and that you are beginning in the fall.

Regarding general education: as shown on this plan, the geology program highly recommends that you complete one oral and one written communication class during your first year and the second written communication class the second year. How you sequence the remainder of the general education program requirements is up to you.

At least 45 credits at the 300 level or above are required for graduation. This means that you must take at least five hours of elective courses at the 300 level or above in addition to those required for the geology major. Geology courses in field methods, research assistantships, teaching assistantships and externships may be used to fulfill this requirement.

* These courses are taught on an every third semester sequence.