

SUNY Potsdam 3 Year Degree Option; Sample Three-Year Plan for Completion of B.A. in Geology

Note: This list of courses provides an example of how a student might complete the degree in three years. Different students will take the required courses in slightly different orders, as each of them decides in consultation with their adviser, and in accordance with when different courses are actually offered. Also: only two courses in the student's chosen Major can be used to meet the modes component of the General Education Program, and students should work with their advisers to choose courses accordingly.

First Year, 38 Credits:

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CHEM 105 General Chemistry 1 (SP, LB)	4	CHEM 106 Gen. Chemistry 2	4
GEOL 103 Physical Geology	3	GEOL 204 Historical Geology	3
FW	4	FS	3
FM	4	FC	3
PE/HW	<u>1</u>	Elective (math or science recommended)	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16

First Summer Course	Credits	Second Summer Course	Credits
XC	3	AC	3

Second Year, 42-44 Credits, 26-28 of which are UD (upper division):

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GEOL 311 Mineralogy	4 UD	GEOL 321 Optics & Petrology	4 UD
GEOL 301 Sedimentary Geology	4 UD	GEOL 302 Paleontology	4 UD
UD Elective (GEOL 300 Recommended)	2-3 UD	GEOL 420 Geochemistry SI	3 UD
UD Elective (GEOL 303 Recommended)	2-3 UD	UD Elective	3 UD
AE (not in same dept. as AC)	3	WC	3
AH	<u>3</u>	PE/HW	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	18-20*	TOTAL	18

First Summer Course	Credits	Second Summer Course	Credits
Modern Language	3	Modern Language	3

*One of the UD electives in the fall needs to be a 2 credit course or an overload request will need to be approved

Third Year, 43-44 Credits, 19-20 of which are UD:

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
GEOL 407 Geophysics	3 UD	UD Elective (GEOL 340 Recommended)	3-4 UD
GEOL 405 Structural Geology WI	4 UD	UD Elective	3 UD
SB	3	UD Elective	3 UD
Modern Language	3	Elective	3
UD Elective	3 UD	Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>	Elective	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	19	TOTAL	18-19

First Summer Course	Credits	Second Summer Course	Credits
SA	3	PI	3

Grand Total, 123-126 credits, 45-48 of which are UD

Notes:

- The two required PE/HWs can be taken at any time.