

GLY Geological Sciences

GLY 101 PHYSICAL GEOLOGY. (3)

A first course in the principles of physical geology, including study of minerals and rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes, plate tectonics and the landforms of Earth's surface. Concur: GLY 111.

GLY 102 HISTORICAL GEOLOGY. (3)

The history of Earth: its origin as part of the solar system, and the subsequent evolution of its atmosphere, continents, seas, and life as interpreted from the rock record. In addition to lecture illustrations, examples are presented by a three-hour field trip and several out-of-class exercises. Attention is given to the development of the basic principles used in interpretation. Prereq: GLY 101 and 111.

GLY 110 ENDANGERED PLANET: AN INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY. (3)

An introductory course that applies basic geological concepts to current environmental issues including the availability and use of water and soil resources, pollution causes, effects and solutions, and causes and prediction of environmental hazards including floods, landslides, subsidence, earthquakes and volcanoes.

GLY 111 LABORATORY FOR PHYSICAL GEOLOGY. (1)

Identification of minerals and rocks in hand specimens, interpretation of landscape features as shown on topographic maps, and an introduction to geologic maps. Laboratory, two hours per week. Concur: GLY 101.

GLY 112 LABORATORY FOR HISTORICAL GEOLOGY. (1)

Interpretation of geological maps and cross-sections, and elementary study of important invertebrate fossil groups. One three-hour field trip required. Laboratory, two hours per week. Prereq or concur: GLY 102.

GLY 115 INTRODUCTORY GEOLOGY LABORATORY. (1)

This course is designed to cover essential elements of the field of geology through hands-on, laboratory exercises. Starting with basic earth materials, we emphasize observation and data collection to understand the formation of rocks and minerals, and put them in perspective of their plate tectonic origins. Emphasis on application of this knowledge to society (use of geologic resources, geological hazards) is woven throughout the course materials. Laboratory, two hours per week.

GLY 120 SUSTAINABLE PLANET: THE GEOLOGY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. (3)

An introduction to the geologic and societal controls that govern the distribution and cost of using geologic resources: minerals, soils, and energy and industrial materials. Topics include the geological processes responsible for forming these resources, controls on their distribution, quality and abundance, economic factors that drive their recovery, and the legal/political arena in which we attempt to utilize them.

GLY 130 DINOSAURS AND DISASTERS. (3)

More than 65 million years ago, dinosaurs and their kin dominated the earth and relegated our mammalian ancestors to positions of unimportance for nearly 155 million years. This course traces the history of dinosaurs from early vertebrate ancestors to their final extinction and surveys the evolutionary, paleogeographic, environmental, and possible extraterrestrial causes for the rise to dominance and sudden fall. Along the way and afterwards, dinosaur interactions with other organisms and the environment, as well as their indirect influence on mammals, particularly on the much later evolution of humankind, will be examined.

GLY 140 GENERAL PHYSICAL GEOLOGY. (4)

A first course in the principles of physical geology, including topics from mineralogy, geochemistry, and geophysics. High school chemistry recommended. Lecture, three hours; laboratory, two hours. (Offered in Community College System only.)

GLY 142 GENERAL HISTORICAL GEOLOGY. (4)

A first course in historical geology, including a study of the development of earth's fundamental features and a review of the history of life. Lecture, three hours; laboratory, two hours per week. Prereq: GLY 140 or 144. (Offered in Community College System only.)

GLY 150 EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES. (3)

An introduction to earthquakes and volcanoes, primarily through case studies. Using the basic principles of plate tectonics, students will learn why, where and how earthquakes and volcanoes occur. The hazards associated with earthquakes and volcanic eruptions will be discussed at length, as well as their societal implications in both the United States and developing world. Earthquake and volcanic hazard mitigation techniques will be addressed. Finally, earthquake hazards in the central United States will be discussed.

GLY 160 GEOLOGY FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS. (3)

The basic principles of geologic processes, materials, and history with primary emphasis on inquiry-based laboratory and field activities. The course is designed in conjunction with PHY 160 to provide basic concepts of earth science, astronomy and physics appropriate for elementary school teachers. Lecture, two hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week. Credit may not be received for both GLY 101 and GLY 160. Not available for credit to students who have received credit for GLY 220.

GLY 210 HABITABLE PLANET:
EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH SYSTEM. (3)

Earth is a 4.55-billion-year-old planet undergoing continuous evolution. We will explore aspects of Earth's evolutionary changes that have affected both climate and life through time. The chemical and physical interactions between the solid Earth, the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, and the biosphere are investigated, providing the basis for understanding how Earth behaves as a self-regulating system that controls the global environment. The effect of human activity on modern Global Change will also be emphasized.

GLY 220 PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICAL GEOLOGY. (4)

How the Earth Works: an integrated course in physical geology, covering the physical, chemical and biological processes that combine to produce geological processes. Attention is focused on plate tectonics, earth surface processes, and properties and formation of earth materials. Lab exercises emphasize identification and interpretation of geologic materials and maps. Lecture/Discussion, three hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week.

**GLY 223 INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGY
IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. (6)**

An integrated course in physical geology and historical geology, taught as a field-based course in the Rocky Mountains. Attention is focused on properties and formation of earth materials, plate tectonics, earth surface processes and understanding geologic time. Lab and field exercises emphasize identification and interpretation of geologic materials, maps and history. Offered only during the summer session, this course involves daily field trips, laboratory and lecture activities, with at least 40 hours of field-related class time per week. Medical release required.

GLY 230 FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOLOGY I. (3)

Field and laboratory methods for identification and description of rocks and minerals with emphasis on sedimentary rocks and rock-forming minerals. Field study of geologic structures. Interpretation of geologic maps. Laboratory, three hours per week. Eight days in the field. Prereq: GLY 220.

GLY 235 FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOLOGY II. (3)

Laboratory and field methods for identification and description of rocks and minerals with emphasis on igneous and metamorphic rocks and rock-forming minerals. Field study of geologic structures. Interpretation of geologic maps. Laboratory, four hours per week. Four days in the field. Prereq: GLY 220 and 230.

GLY 295 GEOSCIENCE ORIENTATION. (1)

Survey of geoscience disciplines and post-baccalaureate career options for Geology majors. Introduction to the range of geoscience research approaches and means of dissemination of geoscience information. Guest speakers from industry, government, and academia will discuss career issues specific to geology, including consideration of appropriate educational preparation for potential career paths. Pass/Fail only. Prereq: GLY 220 and sophomore standing.

**GLY 311 WORKSHOP IN ANALYTICAL
METHODS FOR THE GEOSCIENCES. (1)**

This course is designed for geology majors currently taking calculus. Students will work through geologically relevant analytical problems that draw on the concepts and methods they are learning in their formal calculus courses. Basic problem-solving skills and techniques will also be developed. The course will provide applied, real-life perspectives to help students develop skills and understanding necessary for future success in the study of geology and related geological phenomena. Offered only on a pass/fail basis. May be repeated for a maximum of four credits. Concurrent registration in calculus (MA 113, 114, 213 or 214) is required. Prereq: Concurrent registration in calculus (MA 113, 114, 213 or 214) is required.

GLY 323 FIELD WORK IN REGIONAL GEOLOGY. (6)

Geologic mapping in the field for a six-week period. Description, measurement, and mapping of a wide variety of rocks and structures, and analysis of geologic events in mountainous regions of the Rockies or Appalachians. Includes practice in writing geologic field reports. Offered only during the summer session. At least 40 hours of field-related work per week. Special fee. Prereq: GLY 230 and GLY 235.

GLY 341 LANDFORMS. (3)

A study of the origin and distribution of landforms. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: GLY 220.

GLY 350 REGIONAL HISTORICAL GEOLOGY. (3)

Integration of basic rock types, geologic structures, geomorphology, and natural resources in the context of geologic history of the major regions of North America. Global plate tectonics as a framework for evolution of the North American continent. Prereq: GLY 230.

GLY 360 MINERALOGY. (4)

The study of mineral structure and composition, and mineral classification through crystallographic and crystal chemical techniques. Laboratory work includes study of minerals via crystallography, X-ray diffraction, mineral chemical analysis, and optical petrographic techniques. Lecture, three hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: CHE 105 and GLY 220. Prereq or concur: GLY 230 or GLY 235.

GLY 395 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN GEOLOGY. (1-3)

Individual work on a special problem in geology. Report required. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 399 WORK EXPERIENCE
IN GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES. (1-6)

Professional-level, pre-planned learning experience in geological sciences in the work place under the supervision of a faculty member. The student will complete work of the type done by professional geoscientists in the same setting. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Pass/fail only. Prereq: Approval of learning contract by faculty supervisor, director of undergraduate studies, and department chair.

GLY 401G INVERTEBRATE PALEOBIOLOGY
AND EVOLUTION. (3)

Basic ecologic and evolutionary framework of common fossil invertebrate taxa. Major principles of paleontology, ecology, systematics, and evolution; and the use of fossils in paleoecology and biostratigraphy. Laboratory work in classification of common fossils. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: GLY 102/112.

GLY 420G STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY. (4)

An introduction to earth structures. Advanced geologic map interpretation. Prereq: GLY 230.

GLY 430 ENVIRONMENTAL GEOHYDROLOGY. (3)

A course dealing with the occurrence and movement of water on and beneath the land surface, and its place in the hydrosphere, emphasizing the geologic perspective. Prereq: GLY 220.

GLY 450G SEDIMENTARY GEOLOGY. (4)

Basic principles and concepts of stratigraphy and sedimentation. Lithologic correlation and the interpretation of geologic history and paleogeography. Field and laboratory analysis of sedimentary rocks including megascopic and microscopic methods. Lecture, three hours per week; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: GLY 230 and GLY 360.

GLY 461 IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC PETROLOGY. (4)

Classification and origins of the common igneous and metamorphic rocks. Lecture material will emphasize the mineralogical, chemical, and physical equilibria within the earth. Laboratory topics will stress hand-specimen and microscopic petrography. Lecture, three hours; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: GLY 230 and 235 and GLY 360.

GLY 480 ADVANCED TOPICS IN GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (Subtitle Required). (1-6)

Advanced topical course in the geological sciences. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 490 EARTH DYNAMICS. (3)

Basic planetary changes through geological time, including continental drift, formation of supercontinents, paleoclimate, and the growth of the earth's crust. Students will be required to take the Fundamentals component of the ASBOG professional geologist certification exam (fee required). Prereq: Senior standing with at least 30 credits in a Geological Sciences curriculum.

GLY 530 LOW TEMPERATURE GEOCHEMISTRY. (3)

An introduction to sedimentary and environmental geochemistry, including carbonate equilibria, coal and petroleum geochemistry, and the geochemistry of aqueous contaminants. Prereq: GLY 360, MA 114, or consent of instructor.

GLY 555 STRATIGRAPHY.(3)

Principles of stratigraphy, depositional systems, sequence stratigraphy, and tectonic framework of sedimentation. Prereq: GLY 450G.

GLY 560 GEOPHYSICAL FIELD METHODS. (4)

An introduction to the principles and applications of geophysics in the field. The course will present the geophysical methods used to assess the configuration and physical properties of the Earth's subsurface, as well as to explore for natural resources. Designed for geology students (upper-division or first-year graduate) and other science or engineering students without prior formal instruction in geophysics. To understand the discussions and exercises, the student should be familiar with first-year calculus and physics. Prereq: MA 113, 114; PHY 211, 213 or PHY 231, 232 or consent of instructor. MA 114, PHY 213 or PHY 232 may be taken concurrently.

GLY 570 SEMINAR IN GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (Subtitle required). (1)

A general seminar in a broad range of topics in the geological sciences. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Senior or graduate standing in Geological Sciences.

GLY 579 GROUNDWATER GEOPHYSICS. (3)

Application of geophysical methods to groundwater exploration, emphasis is placed on the use of shallow seismic and potential field methods in the analysis of groundwater aquifers. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, three hours per week. Prereq: MA 114 and PHY 231, or consent of instructor.

GLY 585 HYDROGEOLOGY. (3)

A study of the physical aspects of groundwater, including regional flow, well hydraulics, and computer simulation. Prereq: GLY 220 and MA 113 or 123.

**GLY 610 TOPICS IN HYDROGEOLOGY
AND SURFICIAL PROCESSES (Subtitle required). (3)**

Study of topics in hydrogeology and surficial processes. Recent topics include: models of surface processes; contaminant hydrogeology; modeling in hydrogeology. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 620 TECTONICS. (3)

A study of the structural features of the earth's crust with an analysis of the mechanics involved. Prereq: PHY 211, 213; GLY 420G.

GLY 624 ADVANCED STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY. (3)

An advanced study of the theory, principles, and application of structural geology. Prereq: GLY 420G.

**GLY 625 TOPICS IN APPLIED GEOPHYSICS AND
ENGINEERING GEOLOGY (Subtitle required). (3)**

Study of topics in Applied Geophysics and Engineering Geology. Past topics include: Seismic Processing; Seismic Stratigraphy; Geologic Hazards. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

**GLY 645 TOPICS IN PETROLOGY AND
GEOCHEMISTRY (Subtitle required). (3)**

Study of selected topics in petrology and geochemistry. Past topics include: Carbonate Petrology; Igneous Petrology; Organic Petrology; Isotope Geochemistry. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 652 TECTONICS AND STRATIGRAPHY. (3)

Use of stratigraphic data in the interpretation of tectonic framework of sedimentation, tectonic controls on paleogeography, and interactions between sedimentary rocks and geologic structures. Prereq: GLY 420G and 450G or equivalent.

**GLY 703 PALEOECOLOGY/PALEONTOLOGY
SEMINAR (Subtitle required). (1-3)**

Discussion and study of advanced topics in paleoecology or paleontology and related fields. One or more field trips required. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: GLY 602 or equivalent or consent of instructor.

GLY 715 COAL GEOLOGY SEMINAR. (2)

Seminar discussion and presentation of current work in coal geology from current literature or ongoing research. May be repeated to a maximum of eight credits. Prereq: GLY 515 or 617 or consent of instructor.

GLY 730 SEMINAR IN TECTONICS
AND STRATIGRAPHY (Subtitle required). (3)

Seminar in Tectonics and Stratigraphy. Past topics include: Tectonics and Stratigraphy of the Appalachians; Tectonics and Sedimentation; Basin Analysis. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 741 CLAY MINERALOGY. (3)

A comprehensive study of the crystal structures of clay minerals commonly found in soils and sediments. Lecture and discussion, three hours. Prereq: GLY 360 or consent of instructor. (Same as PLS 741.)

GLY 745 SEMINAR IN PETROLOGY
AND GEOCHEMISTRY (Subtitle required). (3)

Seminar in Selected Topics in Petrology and Geochemistry. Past topics include: Carbonate Petrology; Igneous Petrology; Organic Petrology; Isotope Geochemistry. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits under different subtitles. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

GLY 748 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH. (0)

Half-time to full-time work on thesis. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: All course work toward the degree must be completed.

GLY 749 DISSERTATION RESEARCH. (0)

Half-time to full-time work on dissertation. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: Registration for two full-time semesters of 769 residence credit following the successful completion of the qualifying exams.

GLY 768 RESIDENCE CREDIT
FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE. (1-6)

May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

GLY 769 RESIDENCE CREDIT
FOR THE DOCTOR'S DEGREE. (0-12)

May be repeated indefinitely.

GLY 782 INDIVIDUAL WORK IN GEOLOGY. (1-3)

Problems involving independent laboratory and/or library study conforming to the student's special interest under the direction of an appropriate staff member having proficiency in the area selected. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Prereq: Geology major with graduate standing.

GLY 790 RESEARCH IN GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES. (0-6)

Research in the geological sciences. May be repeated to a maximum of twelve credits. Prereq: Approval of instructor and Director of Graduate Studies.