CAREERS IN GEOSCIENCE

**GEOLOGICAL DISCIPLINES:**
- GEOLOGY
- GEOPHYSICS
- HYDROLOGY
- MARINE SCIENCE
- ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE
- PLANETARY SCIENCE
- METEOROLOGY
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- SOIL SCIENCE

**SOURCE:** NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**NATURAL HAZARDS STUDIED BY GEOSCIENTISTS:**
- VOLCANOS
- EARTHQUAKES
- FLOODS
- LANDSLIDES
- HURRICANES
- TSUNAMIS

**WHAT DOES A GEOSCIENTIST DO?**
- EXPLORES FOR WATER, OIL, MINERAL, AND GAS RESOURCES
- SEARCHES FOR NEW SOURCES OF MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS
- IDENTIFIES MINERAL DEPOSITS SUCH AS: GOLD, COPPER, IRON, COAL, OIL, AND GAS
- MAKES OBSERVATIONS
- COLLECTS SAMPLES
- TAKES MEASUREMENTS
- CONDUCTS LABORATORY ANALYSES
- CONDUCTS RESEARCH
- TEACHES OTHERS
- WRITES AND EDITS PUBLICATIONS
- EXPLORES THE SUBSURFACE BY DRILLING
- PREPARES MAPS AND CROSS SECTIONS OF THE EARTH
- ATTEMPTS TO PREDICT HAZARDS

**WHO EMPLOYES GEOSCIENTISTS?**
- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
  - FEDERAL
  - STATE
  - LOCAL
- PRIVATE INDUSTRY
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS
- ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
- MUSEUMS

**EDUCATION**

**FUNDAMENTAL COURSES:**
- CHEMISTRY
- PHYSICS
- BIOLOGY
- MATHEMATICS
- COMPUTER SCIENCE

**SPECIALIZED COURSES:**
- ECONOMIC GEOLOGY
- METEOROLOGY
- ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY
- FIELD MAPPING
- MINERALOGY
- PALEONTOLOGY
- PETROLOGY
- HYDROLOGY
- SEDIMENTOLOGY
- STRATIGRAPHY
- STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
- SEISMOLOGY

**GENERAL COURSE STUDY TO BROADEN KNOWLEDGE:**
- HISTORY
- LITERATURE
- PHILOSOPHY
- ECONOMICS
- LANGUAGES

**GEOSCIENTISTS WORK TO . . .**
- PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
- USE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES WISELY
- IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER SYSTEMS
- CONSERVE SOILS TO MAINTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY
- UNDERSTAND GLOBAL CLIMATE PATTERNS
- PREDICT THE BEHAVIOR OF EARTH SYSTEMS

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