

1. Programme title(s) and code(s):

BSc Geology F600

BSc Geology with Foundation Year (F699)

BSc Geology with a Year in Industry

BSc Geology with a Year Abroad

Notes

a) [HECOS Code](#)

| HECOS Code | % |
|------------|------|
| 100395 | 100% |

b) UCAS Code (where required)

F600, F699

2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

3. a) Mode of study

Full-time

b) Type of study

Campus-based

4. Registration periods:**BSc Geology**

The normal period of registration is 3 years

The maximum period of registration 5 years

BSc Geology with Foundation Year

The normal period of registration is 4 years

The maximum period of registration 6 years

BSc Geology with a Year in Industry

The normal period of registration is 4 years

The maximum period of registration 6 years

5. Typical entry requirements

A-level: ABB including at least two from: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Maths or Physics

BTEC Diploma: DDD in appropriate subject area.

Access to HE courses in Science and Engineering: 45 L3 credits, including 30 at Distinction and remaining L3 credits at least at Merit.

International Baccalaureate: Pass diploma with 30 points including some science based subjects at higher level.

For Foundation Year Variant:

BBB or points equivalent from your best three A-levels (must also have Maths and Physics at GCSE A/A*)

BTEC Diploma: DDM in appropriate subject area.

Access to HE courses in Science and Engineering: 45 L3 credits, including some at distinction in relevant science and maths modules.

International Baccalaureate: Pass diploma with 28 points minimum.

For the aims, learning outcomes and application criteria for the GCSA Year Abroad please see <https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/courses/abroad>

6. Accreditation of Prior Learning

APL will not be accepted for exemptions from individual modules, however may be considered for direct entry to year 2, on a case by case and subject to the general provisions of the University APL policy.

7. Programme aims

The programme aims to

- 1) provide students with a breadth of knowledge of Geology, and exposure to some areas of research at the cutting edge of the Earth Sciences;
- 2) provide students with a thorough understanding of the theoretical and practical applications of Geology in the study of the Earth, and environmental and societal issues;
- 3) equip students with transferable and subject-specific skills necessary for a career in the Earth Sciences, other science based industries, education, and for training at management levels in other professions;
- 4) promote the development of ICT and written, oral and presentation skills appropriate for a science graduate at the Bachelors level;
- 5) stimulate students to develop a wide range of independent and team skills;
- 6) ensure that students benefit from an extensive programme of work in the field, developing fundamental geological knowledge through observation and critical analysis as well as developing personal and character skills;
- 7) provide students, via the curriculum and research expertise of staff, with the intellectual development and stimulus for research and further study at a post-graduate level;
- 8) provide students with the environment in which to develop their interest in Geology;

- 9) enthuse and motivate all students to achieve their full potential in their degree course.

For Foundation Year variant, see Foundation Year Programme Specification

8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification

- QAA Benchmarking Statement
- Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
- UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- [University Learning Strategy](#)
- [University Assessment Strategy](#)
- University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
- External Examiners' reports (annual)
- United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals
- Student Destinations Data

9. Programme Outcomes

Unless otherwise stated, programme outcomes apply to all awards specified in 1. Programme title(s).

a) Discipline specific knowledge and competencies

- i) Mastery of an appropriate body of knowledge

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|---|---|
| Discuss and explain the general principles and techniques of Geology, including the structure, composition and evolution of the Earth and its interrelationships with the hydrosphere, cryosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere and the perturbations of these systems by extraterrestrial influences | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Seminars; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Example sheets; Resource-based learning; Directed reading; Problem-solving classes. | Written and practical examinations, including short-answer and essay examinations; Problem-based examinations; Coursework; Module tests; Essays; Assessment of field reports and maps; Poster presentations; Field notebooks; Problem-based exercises |

- ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|--|---|
| Describe, identify and interpret a range of geological materials in the laboratory and field; select appropriate techniques to enable this; and explain geological relationships. | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Example sheets; Resource-based learning; Directed reading. | Written and practical examinations, including short-answer and essay examinations; Problem-based examinations; Field notebooks. |

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|---|---|
| Examine, record and interpret the geology (senso lato) of a region via a range of field-based techniques. | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Independent field work. | Practical examination; Report and field notebook and map assessment |
| Explain geological time, rates and fluxes, and the techniques required to determine them. | Lectures, Tutorials, Practical classes; Seminars; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Example sheets; Resource-based learning; Directed reading; Problem-solving classes. | Written and practical examinations, including short-answer and essay examinations; Problem-based examinations. |
| Select geological knowledge and data for modeling purposes (for example, for evaluation of scientific hypotheses, for hazard mitigation, or for resource estimation). | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Field Courses; Demonstrations. | Written and practical examinations, including short-answer and essay examinations; Problem-based examinations; field notebooks. |
| Describe the importance of geological materials resources, their exploitation and associated environmental impact. | Lectures, practical classes, tutorials, field courses | Exam and group work. |
| Demonstrate and apply knowledge of safety procedures in the field. | Field-based practical classes and demonstrations | Completion of risk assessments; Demonstration and role play; Application during Field Courses. |

iii) Critical analysis of key issues

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|--|---|
| Identify theories paradigms, concepts and principles; apply scientific principles to evaluate current geological paradigms; and evaluate environmental and societal aspects of the Earth's resources. | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Example sheets; Resource-based learning; Directed reading. | Written and practical examinations, including short-answer and essay examinations; Problem-based examinations; Coursework; Module tests; Essays; Tutorial discussions; Dissertations. |

iv) Clear and concise presentation of material

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|--|---|
| Synthesise and interpret results, in order to effectively communicate (via written, oral, graphical means) data and ideas to a range of audiences. | Tutorials; Group seminars; Practical classes | Essays, essay-based examinations; independent projects; contributions to tutorial discussions; poster displays; reports; group talks. |

v) Critical appraisal of evidence with appropriate insight

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|---|---|
| Debate geological ideas. Construct and test scientific hypotheses and analyse using geological data. | Lectures; Tutorials; Practical classes; Seminars; Field Courses; Demonstrations; Directed reading; Problem-solving classes. | Essays; essay- and practical examinations; reports; presentations; Dissertations. |

vi) Other discipline specific competencies

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|--|---|
| Conduct a range of field-based studies (e.g. geological mapping and recording of field observations). | Field courses, practical classes and demonstrations. | Report, field notebook, and geological map. Practical examinations |
| Develop responsibility for the immediate working environment. | Field-based classes and projects. | Staff-monitoring of hazard assessment forms. Assessment of fieldwork. |
| Describe risks for hazard assessment for field-based work. Identify safe practice. | Field-based classes and projects. | Staff-monitoring of hazard assessment forms. Assessment of fieldwork. |
| Explain the geological structure and history of an area. | Field classes, lectures, practical classes | Independent field project report. |

b) Transferable skills

i) Oral communication

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|---|--|
| Present geological data and theories using appropriate methods. | Tutorials; Group seminars/discussions; field-based presentations. | Oral presentations in tutorials and classes. |

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|---|---|
| Discuss and review geological topics in tutorial and other group discussions, and respond effectively to questioning. | Tutorials; Group seminars/discussions; field-based presentations. | Oral presentations in tutorials and classes |

ii) Written communication

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|--|--|
| Communicate effectively and appropriately in a variety of written formats including essays, reports, projects, CVs and posters | Tutorials, demonstrations and guidance notes | Assessed essays, reports, poster displays, and examinations |
| Draw and describe geological features, specimens and thin sections. | Practical classes, demonstrations, fieldwork, independent project work | Field notebooks; assessed practical folders; assessed reports. |

iii) Information technology

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|--|--|
| Use spreadsheets or other software to enter, manipulate and display numerical data. | Subject-embedded exercises. Tutorials. | Assessed report; practical assignments. |
| Use appropriate software packages to prepare written reports, essays, dissertations, posters and presentations (e.g. Word, PowerPoint) | Report-writing for tutorials; subject-embedded exercises; presentation to tutorial groups and classes. | Assessed report; tutorial and practical assignments; independent work assignments. |
| Critically review information from electronic sources. | Tutorial and class supported information retrieval for projects, essays, reports and dissertations. | Assessed report; tutorial; practical assignments and independent work assignments |

iv) Numeracy

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|--|---|
| Select appropriate numerical, statistical and graphical methods to explain and interpret geological concepts. | Introduced in the first year within practical classes and tutorials. | Mid-semester progress tests and as components within subject specific modules throughout the three years of study; feedback on practical class assignments. |

v) Team working

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|--|--|
| Organize and work effectively within a team, and evaluate performance of self and of team. | Tutorials, seminars, practical classes, project work, and field-based discussions. | Tutorial-based assessments; assessed practical work, and team fieldwork. |
| Identify self and team goals and responsibilities for team working. | As above | As above |

vi) Problem solving

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|--|---|
| Solve numerical, spatial, temporal and geometrical problems. | Lectures, tutorials, practical and field classes, group work, projects | Assessment of field notebooks, practical class work, project work |
| Solve problems with incomplete or contradictory information. | As above | As above |

vii) Information handling

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Effectively search for, gather and utilise information relevant to geological problem solving. | Lectures, tutorials, practicals, study skills within tutorials, field and lab-based projects. | Tutorial assignments, project work. |

viii) Skills for lifelong learning

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
|---|--|--|
| Demonstrate intellectual independence. | All of the above, and particularly independent project work. | Assessed independent work. Coursework within modules |
| Develop and implement a personal plan of work to meet a deadline. | All of the above, and particularly independent project work. | Assessed independent work. |
| Identify targets for personal, career and academic development. | All of the above, and particularly independent project work and in tutorials | Assessed independent work. Successful Placement for Year in Industry students. |

For Year in Industry students (only)

| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated |
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| Placement Preparation 1 and 2 | | |

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| <p>1. Select appropriate resources for researching/securing placement opportunities</p> | <p>Students are provided with dedicated and timetabled sessions to prepare to search and secure a year in industry.</p> <p>Problem solving classes, Masterclasses, Career development programmes, Independent research.</p> | <p>Formative module feedback through session tasks and exercises</p> |
| <p>2. Explain the process for applying for and securing a relevant placement</p> | <p>Students are provided with dedicated and timetabled sessions to prepare to search and secure a year in industry.</p> <p>Problem solving classes, Masterclasses, Career development programmes, Independent research.</p> | <p>Formative module feedback through session tasks and exercises</p> |
| <p>3. Construct effective applications for placement opportunities</p> | <p>Students are provided with dedicated and timetabled sessions to prepare to search and secure a year in industry.</p> <p>Problem solving classes, Masterclasses, Career development programmes, Independent research.</p> | <p>Formative module feedback through session tasks and exercises</p> |
| <p>4. Recognise suitable plans for transitioning into a placement</p> | <p>Students are provided with dedicated and timetabled sessions to prepare to search and secure a year in industry.</p> <p>Problem solving classes, Masterclasses, Career development programmes, Independent research.</p> | <p>Formative module feedback through session tasks and exercises</p> |
| <p>On Placement</p> | | |
| <p>1. Apply the theoretical and practical aspects of the material studied at the University and demonstrate the personal and professional skills necessary for your</p> | <p>Students undertake a minimum of 9 months experience in the workplace.</p> <p>Project supervision, independent research</p> | <p>Completion of Monthly Reflective Journals to record skills development, major achievements, key areas of work, learning points and challenges overcome.</p> |

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| <p>role within the organisation.</p> | | <p>Assessed by a Placement Portfolio, comprising of a Reflective Summary, Professional Development Plan, and Updated CV (excluded from word count) to formally assess on a pass or fail basis.</p> <p>Formative feedback during a Placement Visit (in person or via Skype) from Placement Provider and Placement Tutor regarding reflection on skills development, areas of strength and weakness and contribution to the workplace.</p> |
| <p>2. Compose a Professional Development Plan considering your strengths, development areas and motivations for your next step</p> | <p>Students undertake a minimum of 9 months experience in the workplace.</p> <p>Project supervision, independent research</p> | <p>Completion of Monthly Reflective Journals to record skills development, major achievements, key areas of work, learning points and challenges overcome.</p> <p>Assessed by a Placement Portfolio, comprising of a Reflective Summary, Professional Development Plan, and Updated CV (excluded from word count) to formally assess on a pass or fail basis.</p> <p>Formative feedback during a Placement Visit (in person or via Skype) from Placement Provider and Placement Tutor regarding reflection on skills development, areas of strength and weakness and contribution to the workplace.</p> |
| <p>3. Modify your CV to include the skills and experience you have</p> | <p>Students undertake a minimum of 9 months experience in the workplace.</p> | <p>Completion of Monthly Reflective Journals to record skills development, major</p> |

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| <p>gained through your significant experience gained in the past 12 months.</p> | <p>Project supervision, independent research</p> | <p>achievements, key areas of work, learning points and challenges overcome.</p> <p>Assessed by a Placement Portfolio, comprising of a Reflective Summary, Professional Development Plan, and Updated CV (excluded from word count) to formally assess on a pass or fail basis.</p> <p>Formative feedback during a Placement Visit (in person or via Skype) from Placement Provider and Placement Tutor regarding reflection on skills development, areas of strength and weakness and contribution to the workplace.</p> |
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| Intended Learning Outcomes | Teaching and Learning Methods | How Demonstrated? |
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10. Progression points

This programme follows the standard Scheme of Progression set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes relevant to the year of entry.

In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course

For Foundation Year Variant:

Progression from Year 0 to year 1: In cases where a student has failed to meet a requirement to progress he or she will be required to withdraw from the course. Students will be required to pass Foundation Year in order to progress to Year 1 with an average module mark of at least 60%. Students are required to have a mark of at least 60% in NS0031 and NS0032 to progress onto the BSc Geology.

Progression onto a year in industry

The progression criteria for a 'year in industry' programme is to meet the requirements needed to progress to the next level of study as outlined in the University's Senate 5 Regulations.

Where a degree programme has a requirement from a Professional or Statutory Body (PSRB) for academic attainment for students undertake a year in industry are exempt from the proposed new progression criteria and will continue to uphold existing progression criteria.

A Placement Student will revert back to the degree without Year in Industry if:

1. They fail to secure a year in industry role.
2. They fail to pass the assessment related to the year in industry.
3. The year in industry ends early due to the behaviour of the Placement Student not being in accordance with the University's Regulations for Students, Student Responsibilities. The Placement Student will need to suspend for the remainder of the academic year. To prevent such an incident from happening, processes are in place to identify any possible issues or concerns early in the year in industry role. This includes a start check, regular communications, visits to the workplace (physical and/or virtual) and evaluation. Communication and contact between the Placement Student, Placement Provider and University provides support should issues arise.
4. They discontinue their Year in Industry. A student can return to their campus-based studies no later than the end of teaching week 2 at the start of the academic year should they decide to discontinue their Year in Industry they should complete a Course Transfer Form. If a Placement Student decides to discontinue their Year in Industry after this point they will need to suspend their studies for the remainder of the academic year.

Nine months is the minimum time required for a year in industry to be formally recognised. If the year in industry is terminated earlier than 9 months as a result of event outside of the Placement Students control (for example redundancy, or company liquidation), the following process will be adopted:

1. If the Placement Student has completed 1 – 6 months, they will be supported to search for another placement to take them up to the 9 months required for the year in industry to be formally recognised. If the Placement Student does not find a placement to meet this criteria they will be required to suspend and transferred onto the degree without Year in Industry.
2. If the Placement Student has completed 7-8 months, they will be supported to search for another placement to take them up to the 9 months required for the year in industry to be

formally recognised. If the Placement Student cannot source an additional placement to take them to 9 months, assessments related to the year in industry will be set for the student to make it possible for the individual learning objectives for the year in industry to be met. This will allow the Year in Industry to be recognised in the degree certificate.

3. A Placement Student will not be permitted to undertake a placement which runs across two academic years.

a) Course transfers

Course transfers may be considered at the end of year 1.

11. Criteria for award and classification

This programme follows the standard scheme of undergraduate award and classification set out in [Senate Regulations](#) – see the version of *Senate Regulation 5 governing undergraduate programmes* relevant to the year of entry.

12. Special features

Residential field courses

Group problem solving

Student centered learning – small-group tutorials

Field-based project

Accessible, extensive mineral, rock and fossils undergraduate teaching collections

Department-based specialist careers advisors

Placements

It is the student's responsibility to secure a year in industry role. Students should attend Placement Preparation modules, additional support workshops and 1-2-1 appointments with the Career Development Service. Employer led activities provide a platform for students to engage with organisations who are recruiting students for year in industry roles.

When a Placement Student starts a year in industry, they will be required to complete health and safety documents and confirm they have completed a formal induction process no later than the 2nd week of placement. A Placement Student on the Year in Industry variant will also gain from being able to:

1. Apply the theoretical and practical aspects of the material studied at the University and demonstrate the personal and professional skills necessary for your role within the organisation.
2. Compose a Professional Development Plan considering your strengths, development areas and motivations for your next step
3. Modify your CV to include the skills and experience you have gained through your significant experience gained in the past 12 months

13. Indications of programme quality

Accreditation by the Geological Society of London

The research interests of the staff strongly inform the teaching programme

Quotes from recent External Examiners:

'The department is excellent and deserves its reputation as one of the leading centres of geoscience teaching/research in Europe.'

'These are high quality programmes delivered by an approachable and dedicated staff team. Further, your students really appreciate the Department and indicated that they have had a very enjoyable and satisfying learning experience. The field programme is comprehensive and to be commended.'

'The department operates under the highest academic standards. An excellent range of courses is offered and these are evidently taught with great enthusiasm and authority. Staff are at all times approachable and accessible and there is an enviably professional and friendly atmosphere in the department.'

'The department offers a very good mix of classroom, fieldwork and independent learning opportunities and student feedback to us showed that this was appreciated by the students.'

14. External Examiner(s) reports

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found at exampapers@Leicester [log-in required]

Programme Specification (Undergraduate)

FOR ENTRY YEAR: 2022/23

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Version no. 3

Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)

The University regularly reviews its programmes and modules to ensure that they reflect the current status of the discipline and offer the best learning experience to students. On occasion, it may be necessary to alter particular aspects of a course or module.

Updates to the programme

| Academic year affected | Module Code(s) | Update |
|------------------------|----------------|---|
| 2022/23 | GL1104 | Module title changed to 'Natural Resources and Energy for the 21 st Century' |
| 2023/24 | GL2101 | Module title changed to 'Introduction to Geochemistry' |
| 2023/24 | GL2106 | Module title changed to 'Mineral Resources for Net Zero Carbon 1' |
| 2024/25 | GL3113 | Module title changed to 'The Mining Lifecycle (Field Course, Cornwall) |
| 2024/25 | GL3110 | Module title changed to 'Mineral Resources for Net Zero Carbon 2' |

BSc Geology

Level 4/Year 1 2022/23

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Core | 45 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| Year long | GL1100 | Tutorials | 15 credits |
| Year long | GL1101 | The Rock Cycle: our dynamic earth | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1102 | Micro to Macro | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1103 | Palaeobiology and the Stratigraphic Record | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1104 | Natural Resources and Energy for the 21st Century | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1105 | Geological Maps and Structures | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1106 | Introductory Field Course | 15 credits |

Notes

n/a

Level 5/Year 2 2023/24

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Core | 30 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | 15 credits | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| Year long | GL2100 | Geological Field Skills | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL2103 | Magmatic and Metamorphic Processes | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY2420 | Climate Change: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2101 | Introduction to Geochemistry | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2102 | Structure and Tectonics | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2105 | Depositional Processes and Environments | 15 credits |

Notes

n/a

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------|-------------|---|----------------|
| Semester 1 | GL2106 | Mineral Resources for net-zero Carbon 1 | 15 credits |
| Semester 1 | GL2107 | Major Events in the History of Life | 15 credits |

Notes

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

Level 6/Year 3 2024/25

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Core | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 15 credits |
| Optional | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 45 credits |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3100 | Field Based project | 30 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL3101 | Dissertation | 15 credits |

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Choose 15 credits from:

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|------------|--------|---|------------|
| Semester 2 | GL3113 | The Mining Lifecycle (Field course, Cornwall) | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3114 | Basin Evolution and Palaeoenvironments Field Course – Wales | 15 credits |
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| Semester 2 | GL3116 | Physical Volcanology – Tenerife | 15 credits |

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------------|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3102 | Environmental Geoscience | 15 credits |

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3111 | Diversity and Evolution of Vertebrates | 15 credits |
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| Sem 1 | GL3118 | Crustal Dynamics | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY3435 | Water Quality Processes and Management | 15 credits |
| | | | |
| Sem 2 | GL3106 | Planetary Science | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3108 | The Forensic, Archaeological and Geological Application of Microfossils | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3109 | Mineral Exploration, Economics and Sustainability | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3110 | Mineral Resources for net-zero Carbon 2 | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GY3434 | Stable Isotopes in the Environment | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GY3438 | River Dynamics | 15 credits |

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BSc Geology with a Year in Industry

Level 4/Year 1 2022/23

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| Core | 45 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Optional | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| Year long | GL1100 | Tutorials | 15 credits |
| Year long | GL1101 | The Rock Cycle: our dynamic earth | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1102 | Micro to Macro | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1103 | Palaeobiology and the Stratigraphic Record | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1104 | Natural Resources and Energy for the 21st Century | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1105 | Geological Maps and Structures | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1106 | Introductory Field Course | 15 credits |

Notes

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

Level 5/Year 2 2023/24

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| Core | 30 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Optional | 15 credits | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|---------|---|------------|
| Year long | GL2100 | Geological Field Skills | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL2103 | Magmatic and Metamorphic Processes | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY2420 | Climate Change: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2101 | Introduction to Geochemistry | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2102 | Structure and Tectonics | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2105 | Depositional Processes and Environments | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | ADGL221 | Placement Preparation 1 | 0 credits |
| Sem 2 | ADGL222 | Placement Preparation 2 | 0 credits |

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| | | | |
| Semester 1 | GL2106 | Mineral resources for net-zero Carbon 1 | 15 credits |
| Semester 1 | GL2107 | Major Events in the History of Life | 15 credits |

Notes

This is an indicative list of option modules and not definitive of what will be available. Option module choice is also subject to availability, timetabling, student number restrictions and, where appropriate, students having taken appropriate pre-requisite modules.

Level 6/Year 3 2024/25

Students who gain an industry placement will be assessed as per the standard model for undergraduate placements in the College of Science and Engineering. The marks from this year will not be included in the final degree assessment.

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| Year long | ADGL223 | On Placement Preparation | 0 credits |
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Level 6/Year Final 2025/26

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Core | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 15 credits |
| Optional | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 45 credits |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3100 | Field Based project | 30 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL3101 | Dissertation | 15 credits |

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|--|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3102 | Environmental Geoscience | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL3111 | Diversity and Evolution of Vertebrates | 15 credits |
| | | | |
| Sem 1 | GL3118 | Crustal Dynamics | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY3435 | Water Quality Processes and Management | 15 credits |
| | | | |
| Sem 2 | GL3106 | Planetary Science | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3108 | The Forensic, Archaeological and Geological Application of Microfossils | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3109 | Mineral Exploration, Economics and Sustainability | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3113 | The Mining Lifecycle (Field course, Cornwall) | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3114 | Key Events in the Evolution of Planet Earth Viewed Through the Geological Lens of Wales – a field course | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3116 | Physical Volcanology | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GL3110 | Mineral Resources for net-zero Carbon 2 | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GY3434 | Stable Isotopes in the Environment | 15 credits |
| Semester 2 | GY3438 | River Dynamics | 15 credits |

Notes

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BSc Geology with a Year Abroad

Level 4/Year 1 2022/23

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Core | 45 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | Choose an item. | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| Year long | GL1100 | Tutorials | 15 credits |
| Year long | GL1101 | The Rock Cycle: our dynamic earth | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1102 | Micro to Macro | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL1103 | Palaeobiology and the Stratigraphic Record | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1104 | Natural Resources and Energy for the 21st Century | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1105 | Geological Maps and Structures | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL1106 | Introductory Field Course | 15 credits |

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Level 5/Year 2 2023/24

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Core | 30 credits | 30 credits | 45 credits |
| Optional | 15 credits | Choose an item. | Choose an item. |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| Year long | GL2100 | Geological Field Skills | 30 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL2103 | Magmatic and Metamorphic Processes | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY2420 | Climate Change: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2101 | Introduction to Geochemistry | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2102 | Structure and Tectonics | 15 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL2105 | Depositional Processes and Environments | 15 credits |

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------|
| | | | |
| Semester 1 | GL2106 | Mineral resources for net-zero Carbon 1 | 15 credits |
| Semester 1 | GL2107 | Major Events in the History of Life | 15 credits |

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THIRD YEAR MODULES 2024/25

The third year will be spent abroad at one of the University's partner institutions. Students will be required to reach a prescribed level of attainment in the work done abroad (a pass in Leicester terms according to the mark translation). Any student failing the year abroad component will revert back to the standard Leicester variant of their degree."

Level 6/Year Final 2025/26

Credit breakdown

| Status | Year long | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Core | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 15 credits |
| Optional | Choose an item. | 30 credits | 45 credits |

120 credits in total

Core modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3100 | Field Based project | 30 credits |
| Sem 2 | GL3101 | Dissertation | 15 credits |

Option modules

| Delivery period | Code | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------|--|------------|
| Sem 1 | GL3102 | Environmental Geoscience | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GL3111 | Diversity and Evolution of Vertebrates | 15 credits |
| | | | |
| Sem 1 | GL3118 | Crustal Dynamics | 15 credits |
| Sem 1 | GY3435 | Water Quality Processes and Management | 15 credits |
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| Sem 2 | GL3106 | Planetary Science | 15 credits |
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Appendix 2: Module specifications

See undergraduate [module specification database](#) (Note - modules are organized by year of delivery).

Appendix 3: Skills matrix