



This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	GEOL 300 Physical Geology	3		5A
Req	GEOL 301 ¹ Physical Geology Laboratory	1		5C
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition or	3		1A
	ENGL C1000H ^H Honors College Composition	3		

¹ The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Semester 2

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 400 Calculus I	5	through the placement process	2
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B

Second Year

Semester 3

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 401 Calculus II	5	MATH 400	
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B

Semester 4

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Geology B.A. or B.S.
- Earth Science B.A.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

Career opportunities include:

- geologist
- geophysicist
- groundwater geologist
- oil and gas geologist
- mineralogist
- paleontologist
- marine geologist
- environmental geologist
- photogeologist
- seismologist
- consulting geologist
- soils engineer
- land use planner
- volcanologist
- astrogeologist
- geochemist
- economic geologist
- mining geologist
- hydrogeologist

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Third Year

Semester 5

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	GEOL 310 Historical Geology	3		
Req	GEOL 311 Historical Geology Laboratory	1		
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B

Semester 6

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	CHEM 400 General Chemistry I	5	(see below)	
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C

CHEM 400 prerequisite: CHEM 310 or another college chemistry course or a year of high school chemistry AND a passing score on the Chemistry Assessment Test at American River College

Fourth Year

Semester 7

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	CHEM 401 General Chemistry II	5	CHEM 400	
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 8

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
Elec	any transferable elective course	2		

- government geologist
- coal geologist
- glacial geologist
- vertebrate paleontologist
- geology professor
- earth science teacher

Advising Notes:

- Students working on this major are placed directly into MATH 400. [See a counselor](#) to determine if you would benefit from additional preparation or support courses.
- Many universities require students to take their entire math series at the same institution. They may also require students to take the entire chemistry series at the same institution. [See a counselor](#) or for more information about this requirement.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.

Scheduling Notes:

- GEOL 310 and 311 are offered in the fall.

Other Notes to Students

Preparing to Transfer:

- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree

This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. [See a counselor](#) for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an [Honors](#) Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.