Geology

Transfer
AS-T Degree in Geology

Geology Program
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About the Program
The Associate in Science in Geology for Transfer degree (AS-T Geology) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Geology at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

The associate transfer degrees (AA-T or AS-T) require completion and certification of the California State University General Education (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) as well as the specific AA-T or AS-T major degree requirements. Students earning either an AA-T or an AS-T will not be held to additional Butte College graduation requirements (including Physical Education and the multicultural competency). Students should work with a counselor to identify major coursework that can be used to fulfill CSU GE or IGETC categories.

To obtain an Associate's degree, students must complete both the major requirements and the graduation requirements listed in this catalog.

Note that some courses have a prerequisite (P), corequisite (C), or both (P/C). Prerequisites and corequisites are listed within each course description in this catalog.

Transfer majors designated as AA-T or AS-T are designed for transfer to a similar major at an unspecified CSU. Transfer majors designated as AA or AS are designed for transfer to the corresponding major at a specific CSU and are based on articulation. See a counselor for more information. Read about the difference between these types of degrees at the beginning of the Transfer section of this catalog.

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Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:

• Identify and interpret common rocks, minerals, fossils and geologic structures.
• Explain the physical and biological changes that have occurred on earth throughout geologic time using modern theories such as plate tectonics and evolution.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the geologic time scale and determine the age of rocks using both relative and absolute dating methods.
• Synthesize information from plate tectonics theory and other science disciplines to solve geologic problems and explain geologic phenomena such as mountain building, patterns of igneous activity and seismicity.
• Read and interpret topographic and geologic maps in order to answer geologic questions.
• Demonstrate the analytical and critical thinking skills needed to succeed in a four-year geology program.

Required courses for the major: 27 Units

Required Core:

GEOL 32  Physical Geology with Lab  4
GEOL 34  Historical Geology with Lab  4
CHEM 1  General Chemistry I (P)  5
CHEM 2  General Chemistry II (P)  5
MATH 30  Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (P)  5
MATH 31  Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (P)  4