

G 203 : Evolution of Planet Earth

Introduces historical geology which deals with geologic time, fossils, stratigraphic principles, and the geologic history of the North American continent. Includes a weekly lab.

Historical Geology is intended for both geology majors and non-majors, and is the third term of a year of beginning college geology. This course can be used to partly fulfill graduation requirements for the Associate Degree, and has been approved for block transfer. The text and materials have been chosen by the faculty and the emphasis of the course will be the viewpoint of the author(s). This includes the concepts of geologic time and the evolution of the Earth.

Credits 4

Prerequisites

Equivalent placement test scores also accepted. MTH 95 or MTH 98 accepted.

Subject

[Geology](#)

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- Use an understanding of sedimentary rock and fossil characterization and classification to infer the past environments recorded in specific geologic areas.
- Analyze how relative and absolute dating have been used to construct and refine the geological time scale.
- Use their understanding of earth systems and biological evolution to explain major events in the geologic record.
- Access earth science information from a variety of sources, evaluate the quality of this information, and compare this information with current models of earth history, identifying areas of congruence and discrepancy.
- Make field and laboratory-based observations and measurements of landscapes, rocks and fossils, use scientific reasoning to interpret these observations and measurements, and compare the results with of current models of earth history, identifying areas of congruence and discrepancy.
- Assess the contributions of historical geology to our evolving understanding of global change and sustainability while placing the development of historical geology in its historical and cultural context.

Prerequisite Courses

[WR 115](#)

[RD 115](#)

[MTH 95](#)

[MTH 98](#)