

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EARTH SCIENCES ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required
 Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 49

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
First Semester		
CHEM 115	General Chemistry I (Major Science and Math Foundation)	4
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) ¹	3
Select One (Major Science and Math Foundation):		3-4
ERTH 505	Quantitative Methods in Earth Sciences	3
MATH 226	Calculus I (B4) ²	3
GE Area A ³		3
Select One:		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) (if taking EARTH 505) ²		3
SF State Studies or University Elective (if taking MATH 226) ⁴		3
Units		16-17
Second Semester		
Select One Set of Courses (Major Science and Math Foundation):		4
PHYS 111 & PHYS 112	General Physics I and General Physics I Laboratory (B1, B3)	3
PHYS 220 & PHYS 222	General Physics with Calculus I and General Physics with Calculus I Laboratory (B1, B3)	3
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Life Science (B2)		3
GE Area E		3
SF State Studies or University Elective ⁴		3
Units		16
Third Semester		
ERTH 400	Earth Systems I (Major Earth Sciences Foundation)	3
Science and Math Foundation Elective ⁵		3
GE Area C - Take Two		6
GE Area D		3
Units		15

Fourth Semester		
ERTH 205	Techniques in Earth Sciences (Major Earth Sciences Foundation)	2
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁴		6
Units		14

Fifth Semester		
Earth Sciences Elective (19 units) - Take Two ⁶		6
GE Area F [±]		3
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences		3
U.S. and California Government (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Units		15

Sixth Semester		
ERTH 500	Earth Systems II (Major Earth Sciences Foundation)	3
Earth Sciences Elective (19 units) - Take One ⁶		3
GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁴		6
Units		15

Seventh Semester		
ERTH 600GW	Earth's Climate History - GVAR	3
Earth Sciences Elective (19 units) - Take Two ⁶		6
GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences		3
SF State Studies or University Elective ⁴		3
Units		15

Eighth Semester		
ERTH 690 & EARTH 695	Earth Sciences Capstone Presentation and Senior Project (Culminating Experience)	4
Earth Sciences Elective (19 units) - Take One ⁶		4
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two ⁴		6
Units		14

Total Units 120-121

¹ ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

² To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at mathadvising.sfsu.edu (<https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

³ To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

⁴ Complementary Studies

Students in all Bachelor of Arts programs at SF State must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies, comprising coursework with a prefix outside of the primary prefix for the major. For the B.A. program in Earth Sciences, that prefix is EARTH. Students who complete the Earth Sciences BA program will have met the Complementary Studies requirement automatically by completing the mathematics, physics, and chemistry coursework required for the degree.

Transfer students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill Complementary Studies requirements for their major only if these courses are included in the minimum units required for the major.

⁵ Chemistry, physics, or mathematics elective (may not be a course designed primarily to satisfy a General Education requirement.)

⁶ Earth Sciences Electives (19 Units)

- Select at least 19 units of Earth & Climate Sciences (EARTH) or closely related coursework, with a coherent theme approved by a Department of Earth & Climate Sciences advisor.
- At least 15 elective units must come from upper-division coursework. At least 11 elective units must come from EARTH courses.
- No more than four of the 19 elective units can come from courses designed primarily to satisfy General Education requirements (such as 100 and 300 level EARTH courses).

± Given catalog rights, fall 2023 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.