Happy Earth Day!

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 22: Reading Day
- April 23-30: Final exams
- May 4 at 8:00 am: PS/NS course decision process opens (please see details below)
- May 5 at 5:00 pm: PS/NS decision deadline
- May 6-8: Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremonies (Visit the Commencement Information Website for details.)
- May 12: Degrees are scheduled to be posted on this date. Students should wait until after this date to order official transcripts if they want the degree to appear on the transcript.

FALL 2021 COURSES

Fall 2021 registration is open! Elective and special topics course flyers are listed here, but check out details on our newest course and a returning fan-favorite below!

- **GEOL 240: Dinosaurs and Mass Extinctions**

![Dinosaurs and Mass Extinctions flyer](image1)

- **GEOL 253: Earth Systems Science - NEW!**
  - core course for the proposed new GENV major
  - satisfies an elective for GEOL majors

![Earth Systems Science flyer](image2)
**SUMMER 2021 COURSES**

- **GEOL 107: Introduction to Coastal & Marine Geology** is being offered in synchronous online format for the first time ever in Extended Summer! This course (popular among students in ALL majors) reaches capacity every Fall and Spring. Registration is open and you heard it here first!

- Summer 2021 Field Studies will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are three courses GEOL 395-01, -02, and -03; each are 2 credit hours. Students who plan to graduate in **Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021** should take TWO of these courses. These TWO courses will satisfy the 4-credit hour Field Studies Requirement.

- Not a graduating senior? **ANY** student is welcome to take Virtual Field Studies for elective credit!

- In addition to Field Studies Geology and Field Studies Paleontology, we've added a THIRD course for Summer 2021! GEOL 395-03: Field Studies Environmental Geology South Africa, taught by Dr Adem Ali, focuses on geology and other environmental aspects of South Africa! Some of the best geologic outcrops in the world are in South Africa and you will get virtual exposure to these in this course. This field study course will also overview environmental injustice persisting in South Africa through an investigative approach!

- View all Summer 2021 Field Studies course flyers [here](#).

**SPRING 2021 PS/NS GRADE OPTION**

- After final grades have been posted for the semester, students will be able to choose between the standard grade type (A-F) or the new PS/NS grade type for one eligible course completed in Spring 2021.

- In making the decision to retain a standard grade or choose the PS/NS grade type, it is critical for students to talk with their faculty, advisors, financial aids, and family. The Center for Academic Performance and Persistence is a valuable resource for students making these decisions.

- The PS/NS option will open for students starting at 8:00 am on May 4. The decision deadline is 5:00 pm on May 5. All decisions are final.

**2020-2021 GRADUATING SENIOR AWARDS**

Congratulations to these graduating seniors on being selected for the Department of Geology & Environmental Geosciences Graduating Senior Awards!

**Outstanding Students**

This award is presented to the outstanding graduating geology student(s) selected by the Geology faculty on the basis of their overall undergraduate accomplishments. Emphasis will be placed on the student(s) academic record, research accomplishments and career goals. The award is sponsored by the College of Charleston and presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

- Samantha Czwalina
- Nathan McCuen
- Benjamin Norvell
**Departmental Honors**
Students must complete a minimum of 9 semester hours of exceptionally fine work in any combination of seminar, independent study, tutorial, senior thesis and bachelor's essay, and must have earned a grade point in the major of at least 3.5. Departmental Honors can be awarded by the approval of the department.

- Samantha Czwalina
- Nathan McCuen

**Department Chair's Award**
The Department Chair's Award is presented to an outstanding graduating geology student for academic excellence combined with a leadership role in the department and/or exemplary community service. The geology faculty selects the awardee based on undergraduate scholarship and extracurricular accomplishments.

- Cole Budi

**Estwing Geology Field Research Award**
The geology faculty presents this award to a geology major who has conducted outstanding geologic field research during the past academic year.

- Marisa Knight

**2020-2021 OUTSTANDING TA AWARDS**
"An Outstanding TA is a student who has gone above and beyond the basic requirements. He/she may have helped the instructor in a timely and efficient manner, graded lab exercises/quizzes quickly and accurately, contributed significantly to assisting students during and outside of lab/lecture, and been knowledgeable and able to communicate well with students. The Outstanding TA is proactive and anticipates what needs to be done without having to be asked. In short the student has done an excellent job."

Congratulations to these student Teaching Assistants for being selected as Outstanding TA's!

- Jade Benson
- Samantha Czwalina
- Lydia Heath
- Aikai Ishimori
- Jordan James
- Katie Kurtz
- Emma McQuarrie
- Sean Munson
KUDOS
- Kudos to Dr. Adem Ali for being selected as a Fulbright US Scholars Fellow for the Academic year 2021-2022! He will be conducting research and teaching in South Africa and possibly other, neighboring African countries. Dr. Ali plans on having a few CofC students join him in South Africa for summer research! Be on the lookout for announcements about this if this student opportunity seems interesting to you.
- Congratulations to Geology major Elizabeth Kirby for her artwork being included in the "Young Contemporaries 2021" at the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art. The exhibit continues until April 23rd - stop by and check it out!

CHECK IT OUT
- AWWA (American Water Works Association) is hosting a Career Panel event for students interested in water resources. The purpose of the event is to introduce students to the world of careers, straight from the professionals themselves. Some of the discussions will be focused on entry level positions, how to get hired, expectations of new graduates, and career paths within the hosted companies/organizations. The event is scheduled virtually for TODAY, April 22nd at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EST via Microsoft Teams. Click the link here to join the Microsoft Teams meeting.
- WARR (Women Advancing River Research) is hosting a monthly seminar series that continues all the way to the end of this year. The third seminar is April 28 at 11:00 am EST. Join in on these monthly water resources research seminars by registering on their website here.
- The PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Ed) is hosting a seminar series that will go on throughout the Spring 2021 semester with seminars every month. The seminar series covers various topics in earth and environmental sciences. The last of six seminars will be held on April 29 at 12:00 pm on Zoom. The link to the flyer on our job board can be found here.

SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP, GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES
New postings have been added Job & Opportunity Board! Here you'll find info on workshops, internships, grants and scholarships, Masters and PhD opportunities, Fellowships, entry-level and mid-upper-level positions, webinars, and career development opportunities.

GEOLOGY OFFICE HOURS
Staff are available for in-person assistance during the following hours:
Kristen White, Office Manager
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Ms. White will be on leave April 28-30.

Duncan Williamson, Graduate Assistant
(Duncan will be unavailable after April 29.)
- Monday from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Dr. Tim Callahan, Department Chair, and Ms. Kristen White continue to be available virtually in addition to the in-person assistance hours. To request an appointment with Dr. Callahan, please email callahant@cofc.edu and whitekl@cofc.edu.

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