IMPORTANT DATES

- March 18: Maymester and Summer 2021 Registration begins
- March 20: Walk for Water Charleston
- March 22: Last day to withdraw with a "W" from full semester classes
- March 23: Fall 2021 Registration begins based on hours (please see details below)
- April 5: Last day to withdraw with a "W" from Express-2 classes
- April 19: Senior Roast & Field Day
- April 21: Last day of classes
- 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

SUMMER 2021 FIELD STUDIES

- SPECIAL NOTE: Summer 2021 Field Studies will be virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are 3 courses that can be taken, and each are 2 credit hours. Students who plan to graduate in Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021 should register for any combination of TWO of these courses. These TWO courses will satisfy the 4-credit hour Field Studies Requirement. Registration begins March 18 and course flyers can be viewed here.
- Any student who plans to graduate in Spring 2022 or later is welcome to take any of these virtual field studies courses for elective credit. However, we do plan on offering in person field studies during Summer 2022 to meet your Field Studies requirement.

FALL 2021 ADVISING & REGISTRATION

- Fall 2021 registration begins March 23 based on hours. All Geology majors have an advising hold which prohibits students from being able to register. Check with your advisor about your plan for Fall 2021. Don't know who your advisor is? Email Kristen White (whitekl@cofc.edu). Elective and special topics course flyers are listed 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.
- Please see the attached PS/NS Guide for more details.
**2021 WALK FOR WATER CHARLESTON**
On Saturday, March 20, walkers will safely gather in Riverfront Park, North Charleston, or the location of their choice for the 15th Annual Water Mission Walk for Water in Charleston. The Department of Geology & Environmental Geosciences and Water Resources professor, Dr. Barbara Beckingham are bringing the walk to campus! See the attached flyer for details and join our team, the Walking Cougars, [here](#)!

**GEOLOGY CLUB**
Please contact Geology Club President, Cole Budi ([budicc@g.cofc.edu](mailto:budicc@g.cofc.edu)), for more information on all events.

- Thursday, March 18 at 5:00 pm
  - ACM Python Workshop
    - Join Zoom Meeting: [https://cofc.zoom.us/j/98344405833?pwd=S2JLRG9odnQ0OXJQVmo5X7ZlhnQnZUT09](https://cofc.zoom.us/j/98344405833?pwd=S2JLRG9odnQ0OXJQVmo5X7ZlhnQnZUT09)
    - Meeting ID: 983 4440 5833
    - Passcode: 772699

- Wednesday, March 24 at 5:00 pm
  - Geology Club Field Day at Gadsenboro Park
    - dinner provided (vegetarian options available)
    - meet at SSMB
    - Nominations for 2021-2022 officers

- Saturday, April 3 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
  - Team building & leadership obstacle course
    - 20 spots available (Geology Club members will have priority, but positions will be open for new and non-members.)

**2021 SENIOR ROAST & FIELD DAY**
The tradition continues! Save the date for the 2021 Senior Roast. The event will be held outdoors and include physically distanced field games. More details and RSVP information coming soon!
CHECK IT OUT

- **Live Talk Tuesdays**: Join Geology 395 (Oceanographic Mapping & Characterization) students on Tuesdays for free live talks with hydrography industry professionals. The next Live Talk Tuesday is tomorrow **March 16 at 4:00 pm** and will feature CofC BEAMS alumnus Keith Meany '08. Keith is owner and president of Global Coast Survey and Skubot LLC, and has had many BEAMers both fulltime and as contractors! The Zoom link can be found [here](#). *Contact Jennifer Kist ([jkist116@gmail.com](mailto:jkist116@gmail.com)) for the Zoom passcode.*

- WARR (Women Advancing River Research) is hosting a monthly seminar series that continues all the way to the end of this year. **The second seminar is March 24 at 11:00 am EST**. Join in on these monthly water resources research seminars by registering on their website [here](#).

- **The Geological Society of America (GSA)** is hosting their annual **Southeastern Section meeting** virtually on April 1 from 9:00 am -11:00 am. Virtual field trips will also be held on March 31 (3:30 pm - 4:30 pm) and April 3 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm). You must be a member of the Society to attend the meeting and field trips. Registration is easy and students get a discounted rate of $40/year. You can register [here](#).

- **Low Impact Development Design in Coastal SC: Challenging Sites** workshop will be held on April 7 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This workshop is intended for engineers, landscape architects, stormwater staff, and other design professionals. Registration is $10 and closes April 6 at 5:00 pm. Register and learn more [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 fourth of six seminars will be held on **April 8 at 12:00 pm** on Zoom. The link to the flyer on our job board can be found [here](#).

- Sea Education Association (SEA) is hosting their **SEA Semester program abroad for Fall 2021**. Because they can form an early bubble of students before hopping on one of their two ocean research vessels, they will be running their famous ocean cruises this Fall. They are affiliated with CofC, so the credits earned in the SEA Semester(s) will transfer directly and you do not have to pay any application fees. Check out their website [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

**Duncan Williamson, Graduate Assistant**
- 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.